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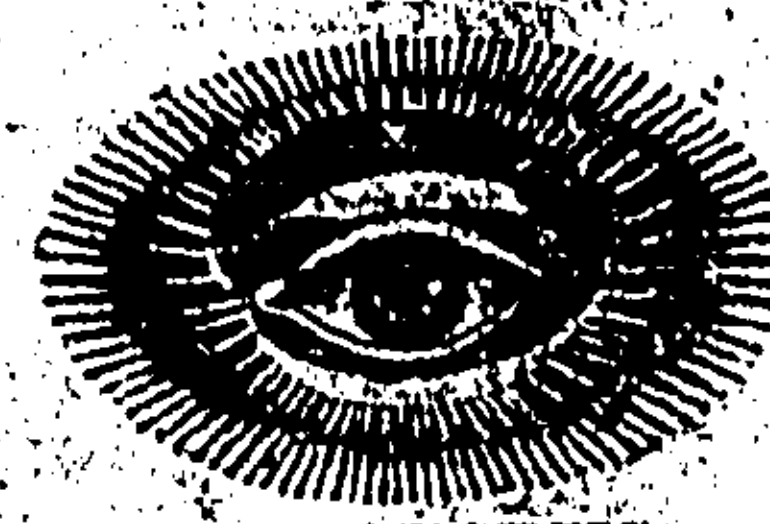
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## COUP EXPANDING.

### IRONSIDES CAPTURE CANTON FORTS.

### NAVY LOYAL TO KWANGSI.

### \$10,000 Reward for Wong Shiu-hung's Head.

### RAIDERS KILLED WHEN FIGHTING FOR A SAFE WITH \$800,000.

That Kwangtung is almost certain to be in for a period of fighting is almost assured now but there is more than a possibility that operations will be outside of Canton city.

The Ironsides have not been idle. They followed up their initial success of taking over control in the city and have now gone as far as appointing a Leftist officer who is a native of Kwangsi to go and undermine General Wong Shiu-hung's authority in his own province.

On the whole, the Kwangsi clique has suffered also "in the provinces" but they still have several well-equipped brigades, a flotilla of gunboats has withdrawn up the West River to stand by them at Shuihung, and they have not been ousted from two of the three metropolitan railways.

### COMING BATTLE INSIDE CITY?

#### FILTHY LUCRE.

How the Rival Troops Grabbed for Money.

"Filthy lucre" has played a significant part in the coup, writes a "China Mail" correspondent.

Money was not concerned in buying over doubtful units but in directly causing casualties in the city when large sums were found by parties of raiding Ironsides.

At the headquarters of the division under Lt. General Chan Chai-

#### CITY NOW QUIET.

Canton, Yesterday. There has been no further fighting in the city, which is now quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Long (a supporter of Li Chai-sum) were found \$150,000 in Canton banknotes, 1,600 rifles and three guns, the whole of which should have been transported to Swatow. This fell into the hands of the Ironsides.

At General Li Chai-sum's headquarters, a sum of \$300,000 was discovered. One big safe which defied efforts to open it led to a quarrel among the victorious Ironsides who had killed several of the Kwangsi guards trying to defend it. Subsequently the raiding troops had a fight in which more casualties were inflicted but the safe was ultimately opened.

#### PLACES TAKEN.

##### Significance of Ironsides' Captures.

So soon as order had been restored in Canton city, the Ironsides set out to establish themselves in adjoining places of strategic importance.

The Cement Factory at Honam, which was guarded by two regiments of Kwangsi military police, was taken over by General Li Pook-lum's Cantonese (who allied themselves with the Ironsides) without much trouble. Canton's highest military authority—the temporary war council—is established at the factory.

##### Canton Arsenal.

Lt. General Hsieh Yo, a divisional commander who deserted the Kwangsi clique for the Ironsides, is bearing the brunt of the attack up the Canton-Hankow Railway (Kwangtung section) against General Wong Shiu-hung's main strength.

Hsieh Yo has captured the Canton Arsenal. Of this arsenal the "China Year Book" says:—Original machinery of British and German make.

Partly destroyed in 1920 when (a Kwangsi military) evacuated but was working again in a year. Large shipment of American machinery imported in early spring of 1921 but because of financial difficulties the authorities have had to take delivery piecemeal and a large proportion of the shipment is not yet in commission.

Present capacity about 700,000 cartridges a month, 25 rifles a day, 2 machine guns (Vickers model) a machine and unknown quantity of automatic pistols. Smokeless powder also manufactured.

Surprise Captures. As a matter of fact, the value of the Arsenal has deteriorated rapidly and the former Canton Mint is now used for the finer work of gun-making.

## 32 HOUSES GUTTED.

### Disastrous Blaze at Canton.

#### BIGGEST FOR A YEAR.

Woman Owner Of Shop Believed To Be Dead.

Thirty-two houses were gutted by a devastating fire in the heart of Canton city on Thursday when interest was centred in the dramatic coup of the Ironsides against the Kwangtung Government.

Tai Hong Road was the scene of the blaze which is the largest in Canton for over a year. The conflagration was among shops in the rattan trade.

A careless cigarette and thrown among highly combustible material is believed to have been the cause.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the flames were not under control till 6 p.m. when embers were still smouldering.

#### Club Members Keep Order.

Thirty members of the bamboo workers' recreation club assisted armed police in keeping order. A lady, the mistress of the shop where the blaze originated, is missing, and is believed to have perished.

Twenty-four of the houses destroyed were used as shops and eight as tenements. The damage is very heavy.

The fact of the blaze spreading in several directions made the firemen's work exceedingly difficult.

#### LEFTISTS IN POWER.

##### Unexpected Sternness Towards Demonstrator.

Although Leftist politicians have not been slow to take full advantage of the Ironsides' successful coup, extremist agitators are still being sternly dealt with when hopes existed that they would now receive sympathy from the new regime.

The leader of the demonstrators who proceeded to Mr. Wang Ching-wei's house shortly after his last return to Canton, and who escaped when the Police surprised the party, has been taken into custody. This man has had a violent part in the working of the Leftist federation of labour unions. The Police Commissioner is reported as taking a very serious view of his case.

##### Special Condemnation.

Canton's papers gave comparatively little prominence to the Ironsides' coup, the accounts being overshadowed by faithful reproductions of manifestoes by a steadily increasing number of officials and organisations.

The city branch of the Kuomintang met yesterday. Pride of place among the resolutions was reserved for avowals of support for Mr. Wang Ching-wei but there is no mention of General Li Chai-sum, the Commander-in-Chief who has accompanied Mr. Wang to Shanghai.

General Li's deputy, General Wong Shiu-hung, is singled out for special condemnation for being a "new feudalistic militarist."

##### Kuomintang Policy.

Two resolutions can be construed as in opposition to Li Chai-sum. His order in April to round up the Communists and "to purge the Nationalist Party" is now described as illegal and the release of those detained since the raid is demanded. In other words, fault is found with Li Chai-sum's policy.

Then the provincial branch of the Kuomintang met on Wednesday, prior to the coup, when a resolution was passed to support the alliance of Mr. Wang Ching-wei with General Chiang Kai-shek who is at Shanghai.

#### WHAMPOA CADETS.

##### Chiang Kai-shek's Advice to Them.

That General Chiang Kai-shek still takes more than academic interest in the Whampoa Cadets, who first won fame under his leadership, is evident from the following:—Shanghai, Nov. 12.

Some 82 Chinese graduates of the Whampoa Military Academy, all natives of Chekiang province, have been selected by the provincial authorities to go to Japan to study.

General Chiang Kai-shek, who saw them off, made a speech giving them advice as to how they should pursue their studies. (Continued on Page 7.)

## SECRETS OF PLOT.

### Poetic Justice Done to Wong Shiu-hung.

#### CANTON COUP REVELATIONS.

Li Chai-sum's Middle Course Of Pitfalls.

(By "Li Chung-yin.")

Poetic justice seems to have been meted out to Wong Shiu-hung, the Kwangsi General who had to flee for his life on Wednesday night when the Ironsides launched their dramatic coup in Canton.

Plots within plots, have been revealed reflecting no great credit on any of the parties concerned. The most apparent factor is that General Li Chai-sum, who has occupied a fairly secure position for some time as commander-in-chief of the Canton Government, has stumbled into pitfalls through trying to keep a middle course and a policy of least resistance.

#### Who the Quarrel Is With.

Because they have increased their numbers materially, the Ironsides are apt to be forgotten as former subordinates of Li Chai-sum. And this week's coup is not the result so much of a quarrel between the Ironsides and Li Chai-sum as between the Ironsides and General Wong Shiu-hung.

Wong Shiu-hung is connected with the 7th Nationalist Army while Li Chai-sum's command (and the unit which became the Ironsides) made up the 4th Nationalist Army, both with a preponderance of Kwangsi men.

#### "Peace at Any Price."

Li Chai-sum was wise in trying to maintain good terms with the 7th Army and with the Ironsides. But in living up to "peace at any price" he has had to pay dearly.

When General Chiang Kai-shek was forced by intrigue among the Nanking generals to resign the post of generalissimo of all the Nationalist armies, Wong Shiu-hung flattered Li Chai-sum by suggesting that he should step into Chiang Kai-shek's shoes.

Very wisely, Li Chai-sum realised the growing desire for a council instead of a generalissimo to direct the war.

#### Direct Action Proposed.

It has been suggested but not proved that Wong Shiu-hung's motive was to tempt Li Chai-sum to go to Nanking so that he (Wong Shiu-hung) would succeed Li Chai-sum and take over the control of Kwangtung in addition to Kwangsi which he already held.

Just about that time, the Ironsides started out on their march from Hankow back to Canton.

Their return was discussed by Li Chai-sum and his commanders. Wong Shiu-hung proposed direct action to prevent the Ironsides reaching Canton. His argument was that the Ironsides had imposed Hankow ideas and Canton must not become a vassal state of Hankow.

#### Element of Jealousy.

One can only surmise that Wong Shiu-hung, like other war lords, strongly desired to keep the two Kwang provinces to himself and his partner, Li Chai-sum.

Another who opposed the Ironsides' return was Li-General Chan Chai-tong, who commands a division under Li Chai-sum.

The motive ascribed to him is one of personal jealousy. General Chang Fah-hui left Canton as Major-General in command of a brigade. He was coming back as a super-general, with a command of nominally two armies, and a superior of Lt. General Chan Chai-tong.

#### To Waylay the Ironsides.

But there were other generals who favoured the Ironsides, these including Lt. General Chui King-tong, who also has a division under Li Chai-sum, and who is now attending the Japanese autumn manoeuvres.

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#### FROM CANTON.

##### Russian Communists to be Tried at Nanking.

Five Russians, including one woman, who were, recently arrested at Shanghai, on suspicion of being Communists, upon their arrival from Canton and Swatow, and who have been detained in custody of the Shanghai District Court of Justice, will be sent to Nanking for trial, says the "Eastern Times."

## INTERPORT CRICKET.

### First Match Against Shanghai.

#### FAST, HARD WICKET.

Visitors Open First Innings This Morning.

The series of interport cricket matches opened this morning on the H.K.C.C. ground, the teams being Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Shanghai's team was constituted according to original plans but Hong Kong, as was the case last year, had to call on the 12th man. E. C. Fletcher, of the Kowloon Cricket Club, took the place of Lt. K. Hunt, R.M., who has not fully recovered from a touch of dengue but may still play for Hong Kong against Malaya.

#### The Teams.

Shanghai:—Capt. E. I. M. Barrett (captain), H. W. Allison, E. G. Barnes, J. T. Hegarty, J. A. Isaacs, D. W. Leach, P. Madar, C. E. Ollerdesen, J. A. Quayle, T. L. Rawsthorne, L. F. Stokes.

Hong Kong:—T. E. Pearce (captain), W. Brace, Lieut. T. H. Dale, R.N., Capt. A. G. Dobbie, F. Goodwin, Lieut. J. A. B. Hankey, A. W. Hayward, A. W. Ramsay, G. R. Sayer, C. D. Wales, E. C. Fincher.

Umpires:—Mr. J. P. Robinson and Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Prompt to time at 10.30 a.m., Leach opened to Dobbie at the Navel Yard and made a single off the first ball—a drive to extra cover. Shanghai then had two boundary byes in succession and Wales bowled a maiden over to Leach from the Law Courts and the batsman refusing to be tempted by the wiles of the slow bowler who was pitching a foot wide of the off stump.

Captain E. I. M. Barrett, the Shanghai skipper, won the toss and elected to bat first on a fast and hard wicket.

#### Batsman Subdued.

Dobbie made full use of the new ball and the pitch, and Madar played another maiden. With a single off Wales, Leach put Shanghai 10 up. Dobbie sent down another maiden and Wales followed suit. It was evident that the batsmen were not taking the slightest risk. Leach was a little more enterprising.

He took one from Wales in the middle of his bat but Sayer (at cover point) made a very smart return which he repeated two overs later.

Leach also cut one nicely past the slips.

Hankey relieved Wales and sent down a couple of short ones. Incidentally, Wales had kept quite a good length.

Dobbie was still swinging in a lot but Leach took a very lucky four off him—the first boundary of the match—the ball just going over the heads of the slips.

#### First Wicket Down.

Madar fell through trying a nibble off Dobbie, being smartly taken by Tam Pearce behind the wicket. 23-1-1.

Shanghai thus lost their first wicket at 11 a.m., having scored 23 in half an hour. Madar's contribution was 1. He was never fully at ease against Dobbie.

The redoubtable Jimmy Quayle went in first wicket down. He saw Leach get a single off Hankey and then a three from an on-drive off Dobbie, who persisted in aggressiveness. The first ball Quayle received rose alarmingly and he was caught off his gloves by Dale (first slip) off the next ball. 27-2-0.

At 11.05 Stokes went in for Quayle, shaping with confidence, but unable to give Leach the bowling.

With a leg-break action and a steady length, Hankey kept down the runs, whilst Dobbie carried on with the attack.

Hong Kong's fielding, although not quite exemplary, was of a high standard.

An interesting duel was seen between Hankey and Leach, the bowler getting a shade the better of the contest.

Stokes drove Dobbie past the wicket for four, giving Shanghai the 80 up at 11.20, after 50 minutes' play. The ball, before he put up just out of reach of Hankey, who was holding point, very fine.

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## GAINS AND LOSSES.

### WU-HAN ARMIES IN RETREAT.

### YANG SEN'S ACTIVITIES.

#### British Consul's Protest Against Billeting.

#### NATIONALIST GENERAL NOW MARCHING ON CHANGSHA.

Ho Chien, who took over command at Hankow from Tang Seng-chi, is now at Changteh.

The 8th, 35th, and 36th Armies are in retreat toward Changsha and West Hunan.

Yang Sen is directing the movements of the 2nd and 20th Armies down river in the direction of Shasi.

### EXECUTION OF BANDITS.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The situation is quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Canton, Yesterday. There has been no further fighting in the city which is now quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Ichang, Yesterday. About 150 suspected bandits were rounded up on the 17th inst. Small quantities of arms and ammunition were found on them. Some of these bandits were executed to-day.

It is rumoured that Yang Sen will arrive at Ichang shortly.—British Naval Wireless.

Hankow, Yesterday. Ho Chien who took over command at Hankow when Tang Seng-chi fled is now at Changteh. The 8th, 35th, and 36th Armies are in retreat towards Changsha and West Hunan. The 6th, 7th, 10th, 19th, and 44th Nanking armies are now in the Hankow area.

Yang Sen is directing the movements of the 2nd and 20th Armies down river in the direction of Shasi. The Consul-General at Hankow has protested to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs against troops being billeted in the buildings of the ex-British Concession.—British Naval Wireless.

#### Coming Evacuation.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The defeated Wu-Han troops are likely to evacuate Changsha, in Hunan province.

From the neighbouring province of Kiangsi, General Chu Pel-teh (commanding the 3rd Nationalist Army) is marching on Changsha in the interests of the Nanking Government.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

#### Fengtien Drive.

Overnight cables from Chinese sources are unable to throw light on the operations between the "Christian Generals" Kuominchun and the Fengtien allies along the Honan-Shantung border. It is safest, under the circumstances, to assume that hostilities continue with varying degrees of success in turn for each side.

In the far North, the Fengtien forces are supposed to be making another drive against Shansi province.

#### An Enveloping Movement.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

While Nanking messages state that the "Christian Generals" Kuominchun claims to have captured Tsinin, Peking messages state that the Fengtien allied forces are reported to have carried out an enveloping movement at Kweichow as a result of which they have established themselves on the Lung-Hai Railway, to the west of Kweichow, cutting off the Kuominchun garrison there.

Another body of Fengtien allied troops officially claims to have captured 2,500 Kuominchun soldiers at Kaoheng to the north-east of Kaifeng.—Reuter.

#### Affairs of Outposts.

How the Nanking forces suffered rather heavily in this week's onslaught up the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, about 100 miles north of the Yangtze River, and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's Northerners failed to press home their advantage, has been graphically described by Reuter.

Details about the preliminary operations, throwing light on later developments, are now to hand.

The operations as carried out by the Nanking forces, up to 5 p.m. on Wednesday last, can be epitomised in the following manner:—The affair which was reported was one of outposts only, when small arms (for the most part) were only used by one side.

#### Nanking Gains.

The contest resulted in Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's men being driven back two miles north of Quantin, which is 11 miles south of Pengpu.

This involved an advance by Nanking forces under General Ho Ying-ching of at least 8 miles.

When the initial bout is reviewed, one has to confess that the Northerners did not put up a very stiff resistance, as the attack suffered at certain points.

#### Northerners Retire.

The Northerners were forced to retire, satisfied with the infliction of what casualties they could.

In this outpost fight the Northerners' armoured train assisted materially, but during this small operation the casualties from train-fire were light as the South-

#### CLOUDY.

##### Prospects For Cricket Matches.

The forecast issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon was:—East winds, moderate, cloudy.

erners used open artillery formation in the advance.

The Southern casualties on the whole were light.

The main fight, according to a reliable authority in the war area, was to have begun last Friday and would be waged over the capture of Mingkwang. This city is one which, it is generally accepted, the Sun Chuan-fang command seemingly intended to defend to the last.

#### General Tang at Kagoshima.

Osaka, Yesterday. General Tang Seng-chi arrived at Kagoshima late last night aboard the "Mitsuki Maru." In a Press interview General Tang Seng-chi said he would return to China after a sojourn in Nagasaki, Beppu, Kyoto and Tokyo.

It appears that General Tang Seng-chi cherishes the hope of leading the national revolutionary movement and hinted at the possibility of co-operation with General Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

#### LOAD OF LOANS.

##### Sun Chuan-fang Warns Shanghai.

Peking is not the only city groaning under excessive taxes. Copies of a note in the form of a handbill were sent to the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Bankers' Association, and the Native Bankers' Guild, in the name of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang of the Northern Army. The gist of the note is as follows:—

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Hong Kong, 17th November, 1927.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 1, 1927.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1926	1927
Tytam .....	339.12	334.45
Tytam Byewash .....	11.76	3.02
Tytam Intermediate .....	165.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk .....	1,405.98	1,345.00
Wong Nei Chung .....	17.15	18.60
Pokfulum .....	54.38	56.40

Total .....

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1926	1927
Consumption .....	285.89	304.64
Estimated population 405,000		416,220
Consumption per head .....	20.6	23.3

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Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
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Shek Lai Pul Reservoir .....	100.80	100.80
Reception Reservoir .....		
Total .....	452.43	428.55

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1926	1927
Consumption .....	167.800	162.340
Estimated population .....	161	20.00
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## NOTICES.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above Society will be held on TUESDAY, 29th November, 1927, at 5.15 p.m. in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

All Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

## AGENDA:

To receive and pass the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the period ended 30th June, 1927.

To elect Officers and a new Committee for the current year. To fix the date of the Annual Flower Show.

To discuss any matter of interest to Horticulturists in Hong Kong and outlying districts.  
E. B. C. HORNELL,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 5th November, 1927.

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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS of the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 11th December, 1927, can be obtained upon application to The International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hong Kong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hong Kong.

Entries will CLOSE on FRIDAY, 25th November, 1927, at 3 p.m.

## FANLING HUNT.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the AUTUMN MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1927 (weather permitting) may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, The Polo Club, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

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## FUNERAL SERVICE.

BOLSHEVİK REIGN IN  
RUSSIA.  
SOLEMN ANNIVERSARY.

November 6 being the eve of the tenth anniversary of the Bolshevik reign in Russia, a solemn funeral service was held at the Russian Church, Tientsin, and attended by several hundred people.

Father Victor, assisted by two other priests, officiated and the music was sung by a choir of Russian ladies and gentlemen resident in Tientsin. A temporary altar had been placed in position on the terrace at the rear of the Church and here the panikhida was sung.

Before the service, Father Victor gave an address in the course of which he said that that was the tenth anniversary of the Bolshevik Party's seizing of the reins of power. They had abolished the old Russian Government, which was the soul of Russia, and which had taken care of the Russian people, and they had persecuted the Church. In fact, the Bolshevik Government had abolished all that was dear to Russian hearts: the National flag had been abolished and the five-edged star placed upon a background of red which was symbolic of the Russian blood which had been shed. Thousands and tens of thousands had been killed by the Bolsheviks and that was why they were there to pray for them. They should pray that Russia might have a Government which was truly Russian.

Those present wore small Russian National flags, the tricolour with a black band across it.

## MASS EDUCATION.

A PEKING REACTIONARY VIEW.

Peking, Nov. 5.

The School Bureau attached to the Metropolitan University circulated a note yesterday to various public and private schools ordering them to check up all the "Mass Schools" on the ground that the said schools have done more harm than good to the young folks.

The authorities of the University called the attention of various departments in a circular note to the fact that all books borrowed from the library either by teachers or by students are public property and should be returned. As there are many books which are still kept by some teachers, the note requests the latter to return them immediately.—"Kuo Wen."

## FATAL APPEAL.

LIFE PRISONER SENTENCED TO DEATH.

A Chinese sentenced to life imprisonment in the Provisional Court, Shanghai, recently for the murder of a Chinese detective, Wong Kwei-sun, of Harbin Road Station, during an encounter with armed robbers at the corner of Haining and Cunningham Roads about June last, took his case to the Court of Appeal on November 10 and asked for a revision of the sentence, which his lawyer described as too severe.

Judge Ziar and two associate judges listened to the appeal and the objection raised by the police against any reduction of sentence, then reserved judgment.

The new judgment, rendered on November 11, set aside the judgment of the Lower Court and ordered the appellant to be sent to the Arsenal to be executed.

## BRITISH CRUISERS.

SQUADRON TO VISIT MALAYAN PORTS.

The First Cruiser Squadron arrived at Singapore from Hong Kong at ten o'clock on November 8, and anchored in the roads.

The ships, which comprise H.M. ships "Frobisher," "Dragon," "Danae," "Delhi" and "Dauntless," stayed until November 10, and a number of sporting fixtures was played against local clubs during their visit. From Singapore it is understood that two ships will visit Port Swettenham, and the other three will go to Port Dickson, Penang, and Malacca, respectively. The Squadron is due at Colombo on November 18.

Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C.B., R.N., is in command of the Squadron and is flying his flag in the "Frobisher."

## UNION CHURCH.

KOWLOON SERVICES OF  
THANKSGIVING.

## TO-MORROW'S OBSERVANCE.

The annual services of thanksgiving and rededication in connection with the Union Church, Kowloon, are to be held to-morrow.

At the morning service, the minister, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, will be assisted by the Rev. Frank Short.

At the evening service, there will be special music by a Male Voice Party conducted by Mr. Frank White, the items being:—"The Little Church," Male Voice Party; solo, "Babylon," Mr. Frank White; "An Evening Pastoral," Male Voice Party.

A special offertory is to be asked for and the sum of at least \$200 is required in order to close the financial year, on November 30, without a deficit. If the sum of \$300 is reached, a member has promised a further \$300 to enable the congregation to start the year with funds in hand.

On Sunday, November 27, at 11 a.m. there will be a Sunday School rally to which the Children will bring models and objects illustrating Bible Lessons, and the attendance prizes for last session will be distributed.

## INDIAN REVOLUTIONARY.

To Visit Shanghai at Early Date.

Tsingtao, Oct. 28.

Mr. Mahendra Pratap, an Indian revolutionary leader, who is to attend the 2nd Congress of the Pan-Asiatic League, to be held in Shanghai shortly, arrived here from Japan, and immediately left for Tsinan.—Toho.

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## DIVORCE CASE.

WITNESSES EXCLUDED FROM COURT.  
HUSBAND AS FRIEND.

Before Judge John C. H. Wu, in the Provisional Court, Shanghai, on November 11, an application was made by Marie B. Brandstatter, nee Sorms, for a divorce from her husband, R. Brandstatter, on the grounds of mutual consent.

At the outset of the proceedings, petitioner asked for the exclusion of witnesses, whereupon the Judge said:—"Gentlemen, the petitioner in this case has asked that all spectators be ordered to leave the court-room. You are, therefore, requested to leave." A large crowd then left.

The parties in the case were unrecognised foreigners, registered with the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, as non-nationals, viz., those without a country. They were married in Berlin where they lived together for several months.

Respondent's Departure. Petitioner testified as to the marriage and produced the certificate. A few months after their wedding, she said, respondent left her and since then she had to support herself. She had to get money from her relatives in order to return to China. Her husband had written her a letter in which he stated that he had no objection to her obtaining a divorce as he was not in a position to support her any longer. He desired, however, to remain her friend. She asked for no alimony as she was able to support herself.

In answer to the Judge, petitioner said that both she and respondent were Roman Catholics by faith. There were no children to the union. "Your Excellency," she said, "I want to leave for Hong Kong or Manila to secure work as soon as I can. When can the decree be made?"

His Honour:—The order can be made within a week and notices will be posted up. If there is then no objection the decree nisi will be made absolute. But please don't call me "Your Excellency." I am not Excellency—not yet at any rate. (Smiles).

In answer to the Judge's remark that she could not marry within the next 40 days, petitioner said, "Oh, I don't want to get married again just yet."

Judgment was reserved.

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**CHINESE SEAMEN.**  
RETURN TO HONG KONG STEAMER.  
The Hong Kong s.s. "Kwong Tung" has returned from Canton where she was held up on Thursday evening through the Chinese crew leaving the ship to draw their bonus from the Strike Association which is now being wound up.

Shanghai Union.  
As a result of an appeal by Ziar Ying-pah (who is a director of the Chinese Seamen's Union) to the Central Special Committee of the Chinese Kuomintang, the Chief of the Chinese Police in Shanghai on November 7 ordered the removal of the seals from the offices of the Union in Nantao, says the "Shunpuo".  
The removal of seals is tantamount to official permission to re-open the Union.

**MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.**

The O.S.K. s.s. "Indo Maru" is expected here to-day and will leave to-morrow for Bombay via Singapore and Colombo.  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 9 a.m. left Shanghai to-day at 5.30 a.m., and is due at Nagasaki to-morrow at 11 a.m.  
The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Singapore for this port on November 16 at 4 p.m. with the outward Mails, and is due here on Monday at about 6 a.m.  
The O.S.K. s.s. "Bingo Maru" is expected here on Monday from Singapore and will leave on Tuesday for Japan Ports.  
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**CONTINENTAL PORTS**  
GENERAL DECLINE IN SEPTEMBER.  
Shipping traffic at the principal Continental ports in September shows a considerable decline, both compared with the corresponding month of last year and August of the current year, Hamburg, however, being a favourable exception. Arrivals at principal ports were:-

	September, 1927	September, 1926
Hamburg ..	1,349 1,661,787	1,412 1,585,567
Antwerp ..	968 1,702,720	1,077 1,744,575
Rotterdam ..	1,102 1,793,527	1,502 1,998,988
Other New Waterway ports ..	234 371,332	583 886,329
	September, 1927	September, 1926
Hamburg ..	4,240 4,932,581	4,331 4,974,618
Antwerp ..	2,893 5,112,296	3,148 5,183,433
Rotterdam ..	3,357 5,490,754	4,507 6,224,328
Other New Waterway ports ..	699 1,259,761	2,059 2,805,058

**SHIPPING REGULATION.**

The following regulation has been made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 25 (4) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899:-  
Table M in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, is hereby further amended by the insertion of the following regulation next after regulation 7 C:-  
7 D.—Every vessel to which the signal of four blasts on the whistle is given by a police launch shall stop until permitted by the police to proceed.

As the result of a fall from the gangway of H.M.S. "Wiven" as it lay in Kowloon Dock, a Chinese stone-cutter was taken to hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to the head and body.

**SHIP LIBRARIES.**  
EXTENSION OF FACILITIES FOR CREWS.

Dr. A. Mansbridge, (chairman of the Seafarers' Education Service) is at present on a visit to Liverpool, interviewing the various shipowners in connection with the extension of the system of placing libraries on ships for the use of their crews. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Councillor F. C. Bowring), who is also a shipowner, entertained Mr. Mansbridge at a luncheon at the Town Hall recently, and among those present were representatives of all the leading shipping companies of the port. A suggestion was thrown out by the chief librarian of Liverpool, Mr. G. T. Shaw, that the existing libraries in the principal ports might be utilised to help the libraries on board ship, and thus effect a great saving of expense.

The Lord Mayor said that the Seafarers' Education Service at present provides libraries for over 240 vessels belonging to 26 shipping companies. The libraries ranged from 50 to 500 volumes on each ship, according to their size, and the books were renewed within a period of four to five months.  
Dr. Mansbridge said that when he visited Liverpool some seven years ago they had only one shipping company taking their libraries. Books were being put on board ships not only by the Seafarers' Education Service, but by the British Sailors' Society, and owners, quite independently, had felt that they might conduct experiments, and had done so. They had been helped by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, who were paying them £1,500 per annum for three years towards the running of the service.

Sir Arnold Rushton said that he was present at the conference seven years ago, and he was glad to testify to the excellence of the Seafarers' Education Service. At that time Dr. Mansbridge induced them to have a library of 50 books on one of their ships, and they had received excellent reports from the captain, chief officer, and chief engineer as to the benefits that had accrued. He thought that if Dr. Mansbridge's system was extended to more ships, they would have fewer strikes.

Mr. S. J. Lister, as representing the Cunard Company, said that he was also present at the conference referred to, and his company were very deeply impressed with the idea. There was a great deal to be said for giving sailors an opportunity of reading all the best literature, and he thought that shipowners ought to bring these books within the reach of the men by means of the Seafarers' Education Service or in some other way. With regard to the city librarian's suggestion of utilising the public libraries, that matter had been fully considered, and they were developing it in conjunction with the libraries, which had taken up the work of storing the books.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Jan. 16	Jan. 19
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 6	Feb. 9
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Feb. 27	Mar. 1
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 7	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 19	Mar. 22
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INDO MARU .. Sunday, 20th November.  
SHINNOH MARU .. Friday, 25th November.  
CELEBES MARU (calls at Karachi) .. Sunday, 4th December.  
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
CANADA MARU .. Thursday, 1st December.  
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.  
TACOMA MARU .. Friday, 25th November.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.  
AFRICA MARU (From Kobe) .. Tuesday, 22nd November.  
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.  
MENADO MARU .. Tuesday, 22nd November, 10 a.m.  
TAIKWA MARU .. Tuesday, 6th December, 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
HAMBURG—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
JAPAN PORTS  
BINGO MARU .. Tuesday, 22nd November.  
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.  
HOZAN MARU .. Sunday, 27th November, 11 a.m.  
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.  
KISHU MARU .. Monday, 21st November.  
TAKAO—Direct.  
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KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,953	7th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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MACE DONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
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KASHGAR	9,005	26th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KALYAN	9,135	12th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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TANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,885	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Capt. George joined the old Union Line in 1889 as fourth officer of the "German," under Capt. R. Reynolds (afterwards the company's marine superintendent in London), and after four voyages in her he was promoted to third officer. He was then sent to the "Africa" for a trip, but at the conclusion of this return voyage, with one exception, he clung until being appointed the "Arab" as second officer in June, 1894. After a period of service in this ship, he was made first officer of the "Gascon" in June, 1897, and then three years later was transferred to his last mail steamer as chief officer of the "Saxon." There he remained until August, 1902, when he received command of the old "Harlech Castle," which he retained until the vessel was laid up. From that time onwards he passed to the "Comrie Castle," and "Avondale Castle," until he finally settled down in August, 1911, to the command of the "Grantly Castle," in which he remained until May, 1913, when he was again transferred to the "Gloucester Castle." Capt. George remained in these two vessels throughout the full period of the war, and his splendid services in the Mediterranean during that time earned for him the O.B.E. After the war he was appointed to the "Llanstephan Castle," and then successively to the "Norman," which was his first mail command, "Kilfaun Castle," "Saxon," "Armadale Castle," "Kearlworth Castle," and "Balmoral Castle," and he was then made commander of the "Arundel Castle" in April of last year. Since then he had remained in this steamer, and it was to have been his pride to have taken the helm of the motorship "Carnarvon Castle" in a fortnight's time, upon the retirement of Capt. H. Strong. Deceased was 63 years of age, and during the course of his 38 years' service in the South African trade must have travelled close upon 2,000,000 miles.

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" 20	6.38	5.39
" 21	6.39	5.39
" 22	6.40	5.38
" 23	6.40	5.38
" 24	6.41	5.38
" 25	6.42	5.38
" 26	6.43	5.38
" 27	6.43	5.38
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### BIRTH.

**SACHS.**—On November 14, 1927, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Zelig Sachs, a daughter.

### DEATH.

**KYLE.**—On November 12, 1927, at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, Nellie, aged nine years, the dearly beloved daughter of Captain and Mrs. Thomas Ashmore Kyle.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Nov 19, 1927.

### TRADE UNION DEBATE.

The Y.M.C.A. debate on Trade Unions should serve a useful purpose in stimulating the interest of those who took part in the activities of a movement, which however great its blunders, is undoubtedly one of the biggest factors in industry to-day. The motion—"That Trade Unions Have Exceeded Their Purpose"—was defeated by a small majority, a rather surprising verdict in view of the General Strike fiasco of last year and the increasing political tendency of the movement, not to mention the measures of intimidation taken in respect of workers who prefer to remain outside the movement or who disagree with any particular decision taken in regard to stoppage of work. It is easy to defend certain aspects of Trade Unionism in regard to which they have performed highly important and valued work. They have, for instance, performed highly important work as benefit societies; they have been called on by the State as indispensable and valued partners in the administration of the schemes of social insurance which are the greatest contribution of our generation to the improvement of social conditions; they have played an important part in the establishing of decent

standards of life and have become so indispensable an element in the adjustment of wage rates and labour disputes that were they to pass away something like them would have to be created in order to make the complex system of modern industry workable at all. But, in spite of the good accomplished, there can be no doubt that the Trade Union movement has exceeded the purpose of its founders in regard to its political aspect and the influence of the extremists. In the course of the debate, it was claimed for the opposition that the Communists had been definitely expelled from the movement and that all relations had been broken off with Russia and the Communists as the result of the Trade Union Congress of September last. That the movement is by no means freed from the Communist element is apparent from the formation, within a month of that Conference, by eighteen prominent members of both the political and Trade Union wings of the Socialist party, of a National Committee to "assist in cementing the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between the working class of Great Britain and the workers of the Soviet Republic." The Committee went so far as to conduct its operations from Communist Party offices in Gray's Inn Road, London, to appoint a well-known Communist official as Secretary and to make an appeal to British workers to subscribe funds to meet the expenses of a delegation of 60 which went to Russia last week to participate in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. The prime movers are undoubtedly in a minority in the Trade Union movement, but it is the extremist minority which unfortunately has to a great extent forced the hands of the more moderate element in past disputes and rendered necessary the passing of State legislation to protect both the community in general and the loyal working men in particular from encroachment on their liberties. The Trade Union movement will have to dissociate itself completely from these extremists, not only by resolution but by practice, before it can claim the loyalty and respect not only of the working man but of every element in the State and before it can strive with hope of success for the attainment of the true economic ideal of Trade Unionism, viz.: the creation of the maximum amount of wealth consistent with the well-being of the producers and, finally, the just distribution of the wealth so created.

## BACK FROM CHINA.

**Service Officer's Alleged Complaints.**

### HONG KONG TREATMENT.

**"Looked Upon As a Necessary Nuisance."**

In view of the self-sacrificing work of ladies and others who devoted a large amount of their time to voluntary work in the canteens and participation in entertainments for the Services during the summer months, it is a truly amazing statement which is attributed to an Army officer on the arrival in England of the first detachments of army reservists from China.

The statement appeared in the "Nottinghamshire Daily Express" and is reproduced in the "North China Daily News" as follows:—

"The first detachment of Army Reservists from China arrived at King George's Dock, London, but were not allowed to land until the next morning."

"In Hong Kong we were looked upon as necessary nuisances, but in Shanghai it was different," said an officer in describing the treatment accorded to the troops in China by the civil population.

The men travelled in the transport "Hermionus" which left Shanghai on September 10, calling en route at Malta to embark details from various regiments, including women and children. There were 720 troops on board.

The Next Detachment. After an early breakfast the men were disembarked, and sent to their various depots for demobilisation.

"Conditions in Shanghai when we left were practically normal, except that no Chinese was allowed to pass inside if in possession of firearms, and that everybody was being examined by the patrols," said an officer.

He spoke highly of the qualities of the Chinese as soldiers, if properly led and trained. Unlike most Orientals they had a high sense of humour, but at present they were "a miserable rabble living mainly on loot."

The Generals' Methods. Their generals did not pay them if they could possibly avoid it. The normal procedure of a Chinese general was to make his fortune as quickly as possible, and then to "retire," or, in other words, to decamp.

China was one of the most wonderful places for military service, but the climate was decidedly unhealthy. There had never been a British garrison in Shanghai before, and there were no barracks nor facilities for troops. There were hardly any suitable camping places. Shanghai was composed of a great extent of marshy ground, similar to that seen at the mouth of the Thames, and the town was overcrowded.

Chinese Subscribers. Asked for his opinion about the British residents, the officer said: "In Hong Kong we were looked upon as necessary nuisances. Lady Lugard, the wife of General Lugard (presumably the reference is to Mrs. Luard, the wife of Major-General Luard), raised a subscription to entertain the troops, and the Chinese actually subscribed three times as much as the British. Possibly they thought themselves quite safe outside the danger zone, and that our presence overcrowded them. We were billeted in hotels and other places."

"In Shanghai, however, it was quite different. The British, French and American residents there did everything they could to make the 'Tommy' comfortable, and the British Women's Association ran the canteen."

Still Out There. The regiments which are remaining in Shanghai are the Coldstream Guard, the Welsh, the Suffolk, the Borderers, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshires, the Middlesex, the Yorkshires, the Royal Artillery and the Tank Corps.

In Hong Kong there are the Queen's, the Northants and the Scots Guards: while in Tientsin there is another battalion of the Border Regiment. The total number of troops left in China is about 8,000.

"There is no doubt," said the officer, "that the British Expeditionary Force saved Nanjing."

RE THE WING ON CASE. REX v. F. CHAN.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Dear Sir,—Having regard to the publicity given in the Press to the Magisterial proceedings which terminated in the commitment of the defendant for trial at the Sessions, we are instructed to inform you that we have been notified by the Crown Solicitor that the Hon. the Attorney General proposes to file a nolle prosequi, which of course has the effect of putting an end to the prosecution.—Yours, etc.

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## MCINTOSH SAFE?

**LANDS IN SOUTHERN POLAND.**

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE.**

Rugby, Yesterday. The airmen, Captain McIntosh and Hinkler, who were attempting a non-stop flight to India, are reported in Press telegrams from Warsaw to have landed at Bialokrynica in the district of Podhajce, in Southern Poland.

It is stated that the airmen were afforded assistance by the local authorities and resumed their flight. It would appear, however, from these reports that the landing at Bialokrynica took place on Wednesday afternoon. No further news of McIntosh and Hinkler has been received from any quarter. Anxiety, therefore, still prevails, especially as no authentic confirmation is available that the airmen who landed in Poland were actually McIntosh and Hinkler.—British Wireless Service.

## SAFE FLYING.

**SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S TEST.**

**PREVENTION OF STALLING.**

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, made a test flight at Cricke-wood Aerodrome in a Bristol fighter machine fitted with a new slot device invented by Mr. Handley Page to prevent stalling.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Branker, Chief of the Civil Aviation Department, has already flown in a machine equipped with the device, and it is stated he was favourably impressed.

It is claimed that the invention will render any machine perfectly safe. When a plane loses speed the nose drops slightly, the slots come into action automatically, and the machine is thus given sufficient wing resistance on the surface to keep it on a level keel in the air.—British Wireless Service.

## KOWLOON REVUES.

**THE NEW OUR CABARET'S SEASON.**

### "A LA CARTE" TO-NIGHT.

Mr. Charles Chamier's popular London vaudeville company, the New Our Cabaret, will present another attractive revue, "A La Carte," at 9.15 in the Star Theatre this evening.

"A La Carte" is entirely new to the Colony except for a few old favourite numbers that are being repeated by special request.

Among the items in it is an ingenious sketch called "The Wedding Ring," which combines the squabbles of the breakfast table and the procedure of the boxing ring to make an amusing burlesque.

New songs by Mr. Charles Mason, the popular comedian, new items by Miss Muriel Varna, the vivacious comedienne, and further operatic selections by Mlle. Henkina are included in the rest of the programme, which will be found to be fully as enjoyable as any yet submitted.

The new Our Cabaret will present the revue, "Here and There" to-morrow night, and will bring its season in the Star Theatre to a close on Monday night with "Pot Pourri," a revue comprising the cream of the company's most popular items.

## HOUSE TAX.

**TO BE PAID AT PEKING POLICE STATIONS.**

Peking, Nov. 5. A complete reversal of existing practice is seen in the announcement of the police yamen on Friday that from the beginning of this month the house tax must be paid at the various police stations by landlords or their representatives.

Since the enforcement of the tax about three months ago it has been the practice of the police authorities to send men to call at the houses at the beginning of each month and collect the tax. The method has apparently not worked very satisfactory, although its convenience has been admitted by many landlords.

The police announcement makes no mention of the reasons which have induced the authorities to adopt the new plan, but an intimation is conveyed that if any one should ignore the order, he will be severely fined.—Kuo Wen.

## EX-PEER'S FLIGHT.

**MR. CARBERRY GOING TO CAPE TOWN.**

**HOPES OF RECORD TIME.**

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Carberry, by which name Lord Carberry chooses to be known since he renounced his title to the Peerage, left Croydon Aerodrome to-day in a Fokker monoplane, accompanied by a mechanic, on a flight to Capetown. He hopes to accomplish the journey in record time, estimating that he will reach Cairo in four days and Capetown in a week. His first halt will be at Lyons.

His departure was made without any preliminary announcement, and only a few people saw him off.

From Capetown Mr. Carberry will fly to Kenya, where he has an estate, and where he already has two other aeroplanes, which he uses for transport and survey work. One of these is flown by his wife.—British Wireless Service.

## SIR A. COBHAM.

**DEPARTURE POSTPONED BY GALE.**

**MAY TRY TO-DAY.**

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir Alan Cobham was to have left Southampton this morning in his flyingboat for his African tour, but news that a gale was blowing at the rate of 35 miles an hour in the Channel caused him to postpone his departure. Sir A. Cobham explained that at a height of 2,000 feet such a gale would be increased to a rate of 50 miles. This would reduce his speed so considerably that he would not be able to reach Bordeaux in daylight.

An hour or two later it was reported that the gale had subsided, but Sir A. Cobham decided that, in spite of the improvement, it was then too late to make Bordeaux in daylight.—British Wireless Service.

## MEXICAN BANDITS.

**"BATTLE" FOLLOWS ATTACK ON TRAIN.**

**HEAVY CASUALTIES.**

Mexico City, Yesterday. A large band of bandits attacked a passenger train between Patimira and Aguascalientes, and a battle ensued, in which the commanding officer and 18 soldiers were killed, three soldiers and six passengers were wounded, including one woman and two children. The engine driver and fireman were executed.

The train later reached Aguascalientes carrying the wounded. Roster of American Service.

## NEW SULTAN.

**Sidi Amada, the third son of Mulay Youssef, the late Sultan of Morocco, has been proclaimed the new Sultan.—Roster.**

## CURRENCY BILLS.

**WASHINGTON SURTAX AS SECURITY.**

The Peking Ministry of Finance is planning to issue currency bills to the amount of \$70,000,000, according to information from Chinese circles.

The authorities intend to use the Washington surtax in Chihli and Manchuria as security for the issue, but some points in this connection remain to be settled. Negotiations are now going on between the Ministry and the Chihli provincial authorities, and also between the Customs.

In case the scheme materialises, \$3,000,000 of the proceeds will go to Chihli, 2,000,000 to Fengtien and the balance will be used for administrative expenses of the central Government.

## POLAR CAKE.

**THIS QUALITY THAT COUNTS.**



## BILL KILLED.

## A Chinese Consul's Admission.

## REGISTRATION OPPOSED.

## Ten Per Cent. Enter Philippines Illegally.

This week Reuter cabled that Acting Governor-General Gilmore, Philippine Islands, might request the recall of Mr. Lingoh Wang, Consul-General for China, on the ground of interfering to prevent the passage of the Chinese Registration Bill. Mr. Frank W. Sherman writes in Monday's "Manila Bulletin":

Lingoh Wang, Consul-General for the Republic of China in the Philippines, unhesitatingly told the "Bulletin" yesterday why the proposed Senate Bill No. 536, drafted by Senator De los Reyes "to regulate the registration of Chinese in the Philippine Archipelago" was not acted upon during the recent session of the legislature. The bill was a known favourite of Acting Governor-General Gilmore and he believed it to be favoured by the Senate until informed on November 2 by Senator Clarin that the legislative body was not willing to act on the law because of an understanding it had reached with the Chinese Consul-General.

Two days before Senator Clarin made the above report to the acting Governor-General, Mr. Wang said that he discussed the proposed bill with Senators. He protested against the law, stating that it conflicted with the "most favoured nation" clause of the treaty of 1886 between China and the United States; that it is discriminatory inasmuch as the Chinese people are Asiatics and should be as privileged as the Siamese, Japanese or other Asiatics; and that it would affect innocent Chinese living in the islands.

## That Is Why.

"That is why the legislature tabled the bill," Mr. Wang said yesterday. "They will have more time to study it now and I am certain they will give it more consideration next year."

While no recent census has been taken, it is estimated that there are between 120,000 to 150,000 persons of Chinese parentage living in the Philippines. Only 60,000, or possibly less, of this number are actually Chinese citizens. The others were born in the islands and are considered Filipino citizens. Of the 60,000 Chinese citizens, Mr. Wang admits that more than 10 per cent. of them entered the islands illegally.

Prior to the American occupation of the Philippines there was no restriction to immigration, either to Chinese or other nationalities. On April 29, 1902, the United States Congress passed an act to prohibit the coming into and to regulate the residence within the United States and its territories of Chinese and persons of Chinese descent. This naturally applied to the Philippines. During the same year the Philippine Commission in its compilation of acts made provisions for the registration of Chinese in the Philippines.

## Smuggling Admitted.

No sooner had the above laws come into effect than the smuggling of Chinese began. According to personal investigations made by Mr. Wang the mass of this smuggling was done by the aid of Moros from the port of Sandakan into Jolo and Zamboanga. This practice is in force now the same as it was in 1902.

"All the legislation in the world is not going to keep the Chinese out," Mr. Wang continued. "What the legislature should do is to appropriate more money for coast guard cutters and patrol the coast between Borneo and the Philippines. They only have one cutter down there now and it is on duty in the day time. The Chinese are smuggled in at night."

About 80 per cent. of the Chinese living here now are from the province of Fukien and the city of Amoy, about 15 per cent. are from Canton in Kwangtung province and the remaining 5 per cent. from other coast ports. It is not necessary for the Chinese to secure passports to travel from their country to Singapore or Borneo. After they have reached the latter port their entrance into the Philippines is comparatively easy.

Companies Engaged In It. According to Mr. Wang, there are companies that do nothing but smuggle Chinese into countries they desire to enter. For a sum of money these companies guarantee that their customers will not be deported. In case they are fined and deported, the company pays the fine and smuggles the customer in again.

"The only way to remedy this situation is to begin at its source," Mr. Wang said. "I believe there should be a more sympathetic policy instead of the harsh plans outlined in this proposed law. The Chinese should

not be considered as criminals. The proposed law will affect the innocent Chinese because all must register. If a Chinese should misplace his certificate he would be greatly embarrassed by being confined until he could prove that he had registered. The theory is all right but the principle is absurd. This law must be reconsidered."

Mr. Wang then referred to the incident in 1903 when the Spanish massacred 20,000 of the 25,000 Chinese living in the islands. He said that while that sounds terrible the present proposal to arrest, imprison and fine the Chinese will seem as terrible 800 years hence. He said that the governments should join in helping China open up her vast and rich interior and then the Chinese will stay at home. That is his solution to the Chinese immigration question, not only in the Philippines but in other countries as well.

## Quotes Treaty.

Article V of a treaty between China and the United States, drafted in 1886, is termed by the Chinese as the "most favoured nation clause." It follows:

"The United States Government and the Emperor of China cordially recognise the inherent and inalienable right of man to change his home and allegiance, and also the mutual advantage of the free migration and emigration of their citizens and subjects respectively from one country to the other, for purposes of curiosity, of trade, or as permanent residents."

"They have tried hard to change this," Mr. Wang said, "but we reserve it as a weapon." "The immigration question in the Philippines is a very important and at the same time a very interesting one," he continued. "While visiting the different sections of these islands, I observed, to my great satisfaction, that the Chinese residents and natives live together in a most friendly manner. This cordial relationship has existed for many centuries."

"The Chinese immigrants in the Philippines are very similar to the European immigrants in America. They came and settled down. They have helped to develop the economic resources of these islands. They have become good and useful citizens. Because of much intermarriage, Chinese mestizos and mestizas are to be found in large numbers everywhere. In fact, to-day, a large majority of the Filipino leaders—political, educational, commercial and social—have Chinese blood in their veins. My opinion is that Chinese immigration has proved most beneficial to the Philippines and therefore should be encouraged."

In expressing his opinion on the proposed measures dealing with those Chinese who are found illegally in the islands, Mr. Wang continued: "Most of them have been here for many years. They have married the native women and have large numbers of children. In case these men are deported, the first difficulty is, who will support their women and children? Another difficulty is that most of these Chinese have established themselves in business. It would disturb the commercial equilibrium of the various communities if they are sent away."

"The Chinese are immigrating to foreign countries mainly for the purpose of obtaining employment. So, the best way to discourage this immigration is to open up the vast rich interior of China, especially the north-western part where there are fertile agricultural lands still uncultivated and valuable mines still untouched."

"I hope that all governments will adopt a more sympathetic attitude and help China establish bureaus of public works, to build more roads, bridges and to move the many millions to the interior from the congested sections of China. China, as we all know, has a territory of 4,000,000 square miles, which when well developed can support 800,000,000 people, twice the population of to-day. That will prove more effective than any amount of legislation can do, and respective legislation always violates the treaty provisions, especially the 'most favoured nation' clause and engenders hard feelings. On the other hand friendly assistance rendered in establishing bureaus of public works would always serve to promote relations."

"The government of the United States, the well recognised best friend of China for many years, should take the lead in this direction. She should send over to China expert men on public works; men like A. D. Williams, and extend to her all necessary assistance in improving transportation and in providing employment to the people. Then the surplus population now living along the coast provinces would follow the line of least resistance and go to the interior of China instead of migrating to foreign countries. The problem of Chinese immigration would be automatically solved by the satisfaction of all parties concerned."

## SECRET OF PLOT

(Continued from Page 1.)

Li Chai-sum was unable to prevent Wong Shiu-hung from sending a large force of the 7th Army up the North River to waylay the Ironsides as soon as they entered Kwangtung.

As a matter of fact, Li Chai-sum's command had been sadly depleted by war drafts and he was dependent mainly on Wong Shiu-hung for support.

## Strenuous Denials.

The invasion of Swatow by the Communists who, incidentally, broke away from the Ironsides in Kwangsi, provided a diversion.

Wong Shiu-hung led his army away from the North River to expel the Communists and a probable clash with the Ironsides was avoided.

General Chang Fah-hui, Commander-in-Chief of the Ironsides, strenuously denies evil designs on Li Chai-sum. At any rate, there were indications that Li Chai-sum, by conceding the Treasury and other important portfolios to the Ironsides, had come to an understanding with his old friends.

## Concentration Near Canton.

Evidence for the Ironsides' bona fides is that if they wanted to undermine Li Chai-sum's authority, they could have done so when the Communists occupied Swatow and the Kwangsi troops were busily engaged there.

Once the Communist rising was crushed, General Wong Shiu-hung withdrew his army to Canton and Li-General Chan Chai-tong took up positions along the East River.

Wong Shiu-hung also concentrated men, along the West and North Rivers, close to Canton.

Hasty Council of War. It is not disputed that Wong Shiu-hung summoned a hasty council of war at Wuchow prior to returning to Canton on Tuesday.

Meanwhile preparations were afoot for sending an expedition into Hunan to attack General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow.

The Ironsides now say that this expedition was a pretext to assemble troops along the North River with a view to bottling them up in Canton.

A division had to be provided by General Li Fook-lum of Honam, who commands the 5th Nationalist Army.

## Motives in Politics.

Gossip in political circles was that the order to General Li Fook-lum to send a division away from his Honam was the thin end of the wedge to oust him from his holding. It was alleged that the Ironsides, coveting Honam and its revenues, instigated the order.

Arguments for the other side were that Wong Shiu-hung had forced Li Chai-sum to issue the order hoping that General Li Fook-lum would bear malice against the "greedy" Ironsides.

However, General Li Fook-lum sided with the Ironsides on Thursday although one of his divisions is up the North River as a part of the anti-Hankow expedition.

## Strange Part of It All.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the leader of the Leftists, having disagreed with Nanking and found Hankow intolerable, was agitating for establishment of a new Nationalist Government in Canton—a course which would be detrimental to both Li Chai-sum and his partner, Wong Shiu-hung.

Naturally, Mr. Wang looked to the Ironsides—also Leftists—for practical support. Pressure is said to have been brought to bear on Mr. Wang by Li Chai-sum's supporters, causing him to move to Shanghai for his political schemes.

The strange part of it all is that Li Chai-sum should have accompanied Mr. Wang.

When Was Coup Planned? It is inconceivable that the coup could have been planned so soon as 24 hours after Li Chai-sum's departure from Canton.

Generals had to be sounded, observations taken, secret orders issued, and units moved with precaution.

Wong Shiu-hung is believed to have warned Li Chai-sum not to go to Shanghai. And in Li Chai-sum's absence, Wong Shiu-hung has lost Canton. Whether he will re-take it is problematical.

The simultaneous disarming of Lt. General Chan Chai-tong's men is only a subsidiary issue.

## OCTOBER RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the month of October at the Botanical Gardens was 6.46 inches on 7 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 5.52 inches on 8 days, and at the Police Station, Tai-po, it was 4.53 inches on 3 days.

The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.61 inches at 3h. and 4h. on the 7th.

The maximum equal velocity, as recorded by the Dipsa-Baranelli anemograph, was at the rate of 89 miles per hour at 5h. 25m. on the 7th.

## COUP EXPANDING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Kongmoon has come in for the attention of the Ironsides, it being held by a Brig-General loyal to the Kwangsi clique.

The Cantonese division which belongs to Li Chai-sum's command prefers neutrality to fighting the Ironsides who are also Cantonese.

Ironsides guards have been posted at Li Chai-sum's house, actually as victors, but nominally as protectors in the General's absence.

## LI CHAI-SUM.

## Greatly Perturbed on Reaching Shanghai.

On arrival at Shanghai yesterday, General Li Chai-sum, the Commander-in-Chief at Canton, was reported to be alarmed over the trend of the events once his back was turned.

He is stated to have urged the two leading Kwangsi Generals of the Nanking faction (Li Tsung-jen at Hankow and Bei Chung-hsi at Nanking) to meet him at Shanghai for a conference.

Shortly after stepping ashore, Mr. Wang Ching-wei interviewed General Chiang Kai-shek but, says the "Kung Sheung Yat Po," Mr. Hu Han-min refused to see him. Mr. Hu has been governor of Canton and was till recently the leading politician in Chiang Kai-shek's government at Nanking. Since Chiang Kai-shek's resignation, he has stood firmly against reconciliation with the Leftists.

Invasion from Amoy? Three of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's most prominent Leftist supporters who now hold high offices in Canton are still accused of being Communists, states a Chinese cable. The accusation is made by officials of the Nanking Government who favour re-union with Mr. Wang but not with Mr. Kan Naf-kwang (Canton Mayor), Mr. Chen Kung-po and Professor Kou Meng-yu of the Canton Government.

As regards the influence of outside provinces on the struggle in Kwangtung, it is noted that an army at Amoy (Fukien) is stated to be ready to invade Kwangtung but it is not known which side the invaders will fight for.

## CINEMA NOTES.

## "WHAT PRICE GLORY" NEXT WEEK.

## BRITISH STAR'S TRIUMPH.

Cinema-goers will learn with interest and pleasure from the special advertisement appearing in this issue of the "China Mail" that the famous screen comedy, "What Price Glory" will be presented at the Queen's Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday next week. "What Price Glory" took two years to make, the first year being spent in research work and the second in the actual work of production. The story is based on the plot of a stage success which took London and New York by storm. None of the vitality of the stage play has been lost in the transfer to the screen—indeed the greater scope of the cinema has led to the original being surpassed in every way.

"What Price Glory" is marked by one of the greatest individual acting performances ever flashed on the screen—that of the British star—Victor McLaglan, who gives a remarkable character study as the Captain of Marines, Edmund Lowe as the shifty Sergeant Quirt, also gives a striking portrayal of a difficult part, and Dolores Del Rio, as the charming, seductive Charmaine, proves herself a skilful artiste. "What Price Glory" visualises the hates, loves and passions of war, but it is first and last a comedy, few pictures in the last five years containing more laughs.

## To-day's Film.

Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day are Rex Ingram's fine production, "The Magician," at the Queen's Theatre; Laura La Plante's spectacular film, "The Midnight Sun," at the World; and the amusing story of New York life, "The Cohens and the Kellys," at the Star. The movie programme at the Star Theatre, it should be noted, lasts from 5.15 to 8.30 only, the new Our Cabaret presenting "A La Carte" at 9.15.

To-morrow's Gazette. The start of the 25,000 mile Empire air cruise by four giant metal R.A.F. flying boats and a show in London of early motor cars are items in the topical gazette which will be screened in the Queen's Theatre to-morrow along with the amusing feature film, "The Waning Sex."



ITS QUALITY THAT COUNTS

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Magician."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Midnight Sun."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Cohens and Kellys."

To-day—The new "Our Cabaret" in "A La Carte," at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Tea Dance at Cafe Regent, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; dinner dancing, 8 p.m.

To-day—Private dance at the Talko Club, at which Al Stoval and his Imperialists from the "Pres. Pierce" will be present.

To-day—Opening performance of the K.A.D.C. "Buildog Drummond" Theatre Royal.

To-day—Charity Concert for Dr. Barnardo's Home, by St. Andrew's Troop of Boy Scouts, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 9 p.m.

November 20-21—Queen's Theatre; "The Waning Sex."

November 20-21—World Theatre; "Lovers in Quarantine," 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.

November 20-21—Star Theatre; "A Social Celebrity," 5.15 to 8.30 p.m.; "Our Cabaret" at 9.15 p.m.

November 20-23—World Theatre; Chinese Drama (Mother's Heart) at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

November 21—Dance of the Royal Engineer Juniors' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

November 22-23—World Theatre; "The Night Club," 5.15 and 9.30 p.m.

November 22-23—Star Theatre; "New Broome."

November 22-26—Queen's Theatre; "What Price Glory."

November 24-26—World Theatre; "The Man On The Box."

November 24-26—Star Theatre; "Wages For Wives."

November 24—"Romanticist Music" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 25—Dance in Engineers Institute.

November 30—St. Andrew's Society's Annual Ball at City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.

November 22—Valuable household property at Sales Room, Duddell St., 2.30 p.m.

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Sports.

To-day—Ping Pong: St. Louis Club v. Y.M.C.A. at S.C.A.A.

November 19-21—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Hong Kong; H.K. Cricket Club ground, 10.30 a.m.

November 22—Interport Cricket: Malaya v. United Services.

November 23-24—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Malaya.

November 25—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. United Services.

November 26-28—Interport Cricket: Malaya v. Hong Kong.

November 26—Eighth Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanning Hunt.

December 11—Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the International Race &amp; Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Meetings.

To-day—Meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Committee at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

November 21—Extraordinary meeting of Prince's Bldg. and Land Co., Ltd., at Registered Office of the Company in Prince's Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

November 26—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Hotel &amp; Restaurant Society in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co., Ltd., 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

November 22—Practice Dance for St. Andrew's Ball at the City Hall, from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

November 23—Tenth practice of the Reel Club, at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 23—Laying of foundation stone of the new Wanchai Wesleyan building.

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There will be a meeting of the  
New Territories Agricultural Com-  
mittee at Sheung Shui to-day, at  
2.30 p.m.

A Chinese tailor, living at No.  
2 Circular Pathway, reports that  
someone stole from the above ad-  
dress, a dark brown overcoat,  
valued at \$6.80.

The Commissioner of Foreign  
Affairs (Shanghai) has been not-  
ified that there will be an Interna-  
tional Silk Exhibition in Rome next  
year and China has been invited to  
take part.

The official record in Shanghai  
for the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. on  
November 11 states that the police  
arrested 83 persons, of whom  
twelve have been in custody before.  
Six armed robbers were included in  
the drag-net.

A Chinese, Yeung Kai, alias  
Yau Bei Chai, aged about 17 years,  
is wanted by the police in con-  
nection with a stabbing and wounding  
incident which occurred at Wan-  
chai last night. He is described  
as being dressed in black cotton  
clothing with his hair cut short.  
He is a native of San Wui.

Probate has been granted in  
respect of the will of Jemadar  
Gurmukh Singh, an officer of the  
Indian Army Supply transport who  
was found murdered in his bed at  
Whitfield Camp Barracks in the  
early morning of June 26, and  
whose assailant has not yet been  
brought to book. Deceased left  
\$1,300.

Ghosts reported in Athleague  
and Mountblot, Ireland, travel in  
an auto. Eye-witnesses of the  
fantastic give the following de-  
scription of the visitors:—Between  
11 and 12 o'clock at night a con-  
veyance resembling a high-  
powered motor car suddenly ap-  
peared silently. It flashes past in  
a blaze of lights. Its occupants,  
arrayed in white, are only seen for  
an instant as the vehicle flashes  
past at incredible speed.

A chorus of police whistles on  
Thursday night announced the fact  
that a Chinese had been wounded  
as the result of a fight with some  
other Chinese on Wai Ching Street,  
Yau-mat. Police soon arrived  
from the Yau-mat Station and  
found that the injured man was  
the owner of a mechanic's shop,  
and that the trouble arose over the  
making of a sign board and the col-  
lection of \$3.50 for the work done.  
Words led to blows, one man being  
wounded with a chopper.

H.M.S. "Wanderer" arrived in  
Shanghai from up-river last Satur-  
day.

The Coldstream Guards enter-  
tained numerous friends at a dance  
at their quarters, Kiaochow Road,  
Shanghai, last Saturday evening.

It is notified that the names of  
The Hope Commercial Company,  
Limited, and the Shing Fat Steam-  
ship Company, Limited, have been  
struck off the Register of Com-  
panies.

Mr. Diamond, of the Hong  
Kong Hotel, residing at No. 24,  
Dundas Street, reported to the  
police last evening that someone  
stole an Elgin gold pocket watch,  
valued at \$60, and a pair of brown  
boots valued at \$3.

A European passing through  
the Colony by the "Siberia Maru"  
reports to the Police that, whilst  
sleeping under a verandah the  
wreck of a liquor in Connaught  
Road Central, Shanghai notes to  
the value of \$80 were taken from  
his pocket.

Seventeen British soldiers of  
the Defence Force in China, re-  
cuperating at Shingnessy Heights  
Military Hospital, Vancouver, ex-  
press themselves as delighted at  
getting away from a "war" where  
their chief duty was "turning the  
other cheek."

It is notified that a competi-  
tive examination for the Indian  
Civil Service, open to all qualified  
persons, will be held in London in  
July and August, 1928, and that  
copies of the regulations, syllabus  
of examination, and forms of ap-  
plication to be filled up by the can-  
didates may be seen on application  
at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

At a meeting of the Committee  
of the Singapore Municipal Ser-  
vices Club, it was decided, subject  
to the support and co-operation of  
members, that the Club's tempo-  
rary premises at Balestier Plain be  
renovated and badminton courts  
and a practice pitch for cricket be  
constructed. The Committee also  
decided to start a library at an  
early date.

Rumours are reported from Kow-  
loon Tong of the presence in the  
neighbourhood of a tiger which is  
said to have been heard at night  
on the adjoining hillside in the  
direction of the reservoir. A  
workman has also reported having  
seen the marks of a tiger's paw in  
various parts of the hill near the  
railway tunnel, while the farmers  
in the vicinity state that cattle and  
poultry have mysteriously dis-  
appeared.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Reichs President received  
Reichs Chancellor Marx in au-  
dience on November 3.

Among passengers who arrived  
by the s.s. "Suwa Maru" from the  
North yesterday were Mr. Ho Ki,  
Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. W. S. King and  
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestley.

At the performance by the new  
"Our Cabaret" Company in the  
Star Theatre to-night Miss Eileen  
Woods will sing, by special request,  
her great success, "In a Persian  
Market."

The late Mr. Charles Ford, I.S.O.,  
F.L.S. (83), of Lindeth, Stanmore,  
Middlesex, retired superintendent  
of the Botanical and Afforestation  
Department, Hong Kong, left estate  
valued at \$1,825.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-  
ministering the Government has  
been pleased to appoint Mr. Brian  
Charles Keith Hawkins to act as  
Assistant Superintendent of Im-  
ports and Exports, with effect from  
November 12.

The King's Exequatur empower-  
ing Senor Don Eleodoro Rouillon to  
act as Peruvian Consul-General at  
Hong Kong with jurisdiction in  
the British Colonies in Asia and  
the ports of India has received His  
Majesty's signature.

The Chinese Mission to Lepers  
gave a reception to Dr. Robert G.  
Cochrane, medical adviser of the  
Mission to Lepers, London, on  
November 10 in Shanghai. Dr.  
Cochrane said that a model leper  
home should be established in  
Shanghai to show the Government  
and the people, in a concrete man-  
ner, what could be done to rid  
China of leprosy.

Mr. Josef Borisoff, a violinist of  
note, whose reception in New York  
and other musical centres has been  
most favourable, has arrived in  
Shanghai, and will be the soloist at  
the first of the season's special con-  
certs, to be given at the Town Hall  
on Sunday. The event will mark  
Mr. Borisoff's 15th concert in the  
course of a tour which is taking him  
round the world.

Miss Genevieve Brown of the  
Navy Nurses Corps and Warrant  
Officer C. P. Metcalf were united  
in marriage on November 8 at the  
Nurses Quarters, Naval Hospital,  
Canacno. The bride was given in  
marriage by Mr. J. H. Reed. Mrs.  
J. H. Reed was matron of honour,  
and Mrs. W. B. Bellon acted as  
best man. The Rev. O. W. E.  
Cook, of Manila, performed the  
ceremony.

The Emir of Afghanistan will  
visit Berlin, Paris and London on  
his tour of Europe early in Decem-  
ber.

Mr. H. T. Brooks and Mrs. H.  
T. Cressy, of Hong Kong have been  
elected fellows of the Royal  
Colonial Institute.

Ben. F. Wright, Insular auditor,  
left Manila last Saturday on the  
"Empress of Asia" for Washington,  
on official business. He expects  
to be back next February. He  
was in conference with Acting  
Governor General Gilmore at  
Malacanang for nearly two hours.



Carlos Davila, new Ambassador  
from Chile to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burgess have  
arrived to make their home in  
Tientsin, Mr. Burgess having  
taken over the management of  
Thos. Cook and Son's local office  
on November 1. The Burgess  
have just returned from their  
honeymoon in America, having  
been married at the home of the  
bride's parents in Norristown,  
Pennsylvania, on September 19.  
Before her marriage, Mrs. Burgess  
was Marjorie A. Hartnutt, grand-  
daughter of the late General Har-  
truff, who was Governor of  
Pennsylvania. Their romance be-  
gan in Hong Kong where she was  
visiting friends and Mr. Burgess  
employed in the office of Thos.  
Cook and Son.

An earth cooler employed on  
the Morrison Hill demolition  
scheme was killed yesterday as the  
result of a fall of rock and sand.

A charity concert for Dr. Bar-  
nardo's Home is being given by St.  
Andrew's Troop of Boy Scouts at  
St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kow-  
loon, this evening, beginning at 9  
o'clock.

Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic  
Club open their season at the  
Theatre Royal this evening, when  
they will present, at 9.15, "Bulldog  
Drummond." There will be per-  
formances each evening next week.

A Chinese seaman from a  
water police launch dived over-  
board and rescued a Chinese wo-  
man from the water off Hill Road,  
West Point, last night, following  
the blowing of police whistles from  
observers in the street. The wo-  
man was brought to the surface  
and artificial respiration resorted to.  
She was later taken to hos-  
pital, where she later died.

Home mail (letters only), dated  
London, October 20 arrived from  
Home via Negapatnam on the Blue  
Funnel liner "Patriot" yester-  
day. The total mail was in 121  
bags of which 33 were from the  
United Kingdom. There were 62  
bags for Hong Kong. Papers of  
the same date arrive on Monday on  
the s.s. "Laisang." Mail also ar-  
rived from Europe via Siberia yester-  
day on the "Suwa Maru," total-  
ling 43 bags of papers.

The transit of Mercury, on  
November 10, was very interesting.  
The planet crossed the Sun's disc  
along the latter's equator, which  
is inclined 7 degrees on its axis.  
About 12 degrees or 15 degrees from  
the centre of the Sun, there was  
an enormous sunspot consisting of  
three spots of unequal greatness,  
and Mercury passed along this long  
sunspot between 1.20 and 1.40 p.m.  
The ingress of the planet occurred  
at 11.30 a.m., and the egress at 4.30  
p.m.

The Bangkok correspondent of  
the "Straits Times" telegraphing  
on Nov. 8 stated: To-day is the  
birthday of the King of Siam and  
the town is gaily decorated. All  
business houses and Government  
offices are closed and a number of  
religious ceremonies are taking  
place this evening. The town and  
river front are beautifully illumi-  
nated. Before their departure for  
Saigon yesterday the American  
destroyers were fully dressed in  
honour of the birthday.

Dr. A. B. Oks is returning to  
Shanghai on the s.s. "Trier," which  
is due to arrive on November 25.

The German Foreign Minister,  
Dr. Stresemann, and State Secre-  
tary Von Schubert attended a  
banquet in the Japanese Embassy  
to the Korean Prince Ri on Novem-  
ber 3.

Sir Eric Drummond, the Secre-  
tary of the League of Nations, is  
mentioned in connection with the  
coming vacancy at the British Em-  
bassy at Paris; also the Foreign  
Office Chief, Sir William Tyrrell,  
and the Ambassador at Washington,  
Mr. Howard.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-  
ministering the Government in  
Council has been pleased to direct  
under section 7 of the Public  
Health and Buildings Ordinance,  
1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, that  
the name of Mr. George Albert  
Victor Hall be added to the list of  
authorised architects.

The older residents of Shanghai  
will learn with regret of the death  
of Mr. John Wolter, which has  
taken place in Denmark. He came  
to China for the Great Northern  
Telegraph Co. in 1883, and was  
subsequently employed by the  
Chinese Telegraph Administration.  
He retired about 1903.

Mme. Wu Chao-chu, wife of  
Nanking's Foreign Minister, who  
was released several days ago after  
having been in the hands of the  
Ankuechun for some weeks, was due  
to arrive in Shanghai by the C.N.S.  
"Tungchow" from Tientsin on  
Wednesday, accompanied by her  
mother, Lady Ho Kai.

The Maharajah of Kapurthala  
is inviting many American friends  
to attend extensive fetes which are  
to take place on his Indian estates  
during this month. The Maharajah  
is a picturesque figure in the social  
life of not only his own country  
but Paris and London. Each year  
he gives garden parties at these  
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Bowes Smith, Miss E. K. Butler, Mr.  
R. A. L. Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs.  
M. A. Johnson, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs.  
and Miss Owen Hughes, Lady  
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# SPORTS

## OLYMPIC GAMES.

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New York, Nov. 3.

So much interest prevails in the United States in the Olympic games, to be held next summer at Amsterdam, that the American committee already has begun to make definite plans for the occasion.

Approximately 250 athletes from this country will sail for Holland on July 11 to participate in the Games. The Committee has chartered the steamship "President Roosevelt" in which to transport the United States entrants, men and women. There will be ample room in addition from 200 to 300 persons who may want to accompany the track and field stars across the Atlantic.

The cost of the expedition which is estimated at \$400,000 will be underwritten, it is planned, by popular subscription. A campaign for funds will start in this country at the termination of the football season.

No difficulties are foreseen in raising the funds. One of the reasons is that the United States want its athletes to retain the chief honours they won in the Olympic Games of 1924, held in Paris; another is the fact that the 1932 Olympic Games will be held in this country.

As in past years, the athletes who will represent the United States at Amsterdam from July 26 to August 12 of next year will be chosen from the winners of elimination contests in the various sports in which this country will participate in Holland. These are expected to start in this country this winter and spring.

The selected athletes will live, during their stay abroad, in the steamship cabins, as accommodations for the athletes next year will be vastly improved over those of the United States participants at the Paris Olympic Games, during which this country's athletes, due to the presence in France of many tourists, lived in uncomfortable quarters.

In addition to participating in the games made famous by the Greeks, the United States' athletes probably will compete in other events in England, Sweden and other European countries from which invitations have already been received. They are due to return to the United States on August 22.

At the 1924 Olympic Games, athletes from this country won chief honours, scoring victories by events, first places and points. At the conclusion of the Games the leading point-scores were as follows:

United States	94
France	64
Sweden	44 1/2
Great Britain	41 1/2
Finland	34

Nations which won first place in various events were Argentina (polo) Austria (figure skating by women) Belgium (epee by men) Canada (hockey) Denmark (foils) Finland (speed skating) Greece-Roman (wrestling) France (rifle shooting, foils by men, epee, water polo, and cycling) Great Britain (hurdling, rifle 22 calibre) Hungary (traps, sabre) Italy (sabre team, Gymnastics) Norway (Skiing, moving deer target, yachting) Switzerland (bob-sleigh, weight-lifting, equestrian sports) Sweden (figure skating by men, modern pentathlon) United States (rugby, 400-600-800 metre rifle team, revolver, 1-shot deer, traps, tennis, rowing, track and field sports, catch-as-catch-can wrestling, boxing and swimming) Uruguay (soccer).

The number of athletes who will go abroad next year will be about 100 less than made the trip across last year, this being due to the new Olympic ruling which prohibits reserves, or alternates, from any country.

Accompanying the United States athletes will be a staff of the nation's best men and women coaches, trainers, doctors and nurses. All the athletes will occupy first-class cabins aboard ship, none being quartered in the depths of the hold, as was the case four years ago.

Dates of the various Olympic Games next year were announced as follows:

Hockey, May 17-26, association football, May 27-June 15; weight lifting, July 28-29; athletics, July 29-August 6; fencing, July 29-August 4; rowing, August 2-9; cycling, August 6-10; swimming, August 8-5; boxing, August 4-11; gymnastics, August 8-10; wrestling, August 9-12; and lacrosse, August 7.—United Press.

## GREYHOUND CULT.

### INTERESTING FACTS OF NEW CRAZE.

#### THOUSANDS STAKED.

The greyhound has suddenly sprung into a prominence which is almost fame itself, and no longer is he permitted to pass in the street unnoticed. Why this remarkable change? The answer is, of course, the new sport of greyhound racing, which has attained to such popularity already that it is a positive menace to the prosperity of horse racing itself.

Thrice a week thousands of pounds are staked on greyhounds in a dozen great British cities, and the number of meetings will have trebled itself in another year's time.

Why the greyhound has been the central figure in so colossal an investment is not altogether that he is easily the speediest of dogs, but also that he chases by eye, and not scent as other dogs do. The greyhound of to-day is really the "gazehound" of centuries ago, so called because of this very peculiarity. Needless to say, he did not race behind a mechanical "puss" in those days of stone axes and flint spears.

Look closely at the racing greyhound—he may as likely be black as grey—and observe his eyes, the brightest and most penetrating of all the canine race. If he chased electric "puss" in the fashion his less nimble brothers might he would probably discover the fake and throw up the business in disgust. But her mechanical majesty looks the real thing, despite such mannerisms as sweating electric sparks and making a noise like a switchback car, and she is followed with the greatest enthusiasm. She is never caught, except on those rare occasions when her electric vitals so amaze and reach her sanctuary under the wood skirting a dozen yards ahead of the field.

Our friend the greyhound has, as might be guessed from his very small head, a quick but not a high intelligence, and at the finish of a race he will do precisely the same thing he has done every time he has run, and that is, join his rivals at the aperture through which "puss" has disappeared. As he cannot smell the hare, and the hole is too small and dark for him to see, he casts a look of latent suspicion at his mates as if blaming them for some complicity in the mysterious matter, and then promptly forgets all about it. He will get that hare some day, he tells himself, and then there will be no need to go to her lair at all.

It is generally accepted by the cognoscenti that the swiftest greyhound—when no actual performances are available—is the fellow with the softest skin, the longest neck and shortest ears, the sharpest pair of eyes and the broadest chest, and, perhaps not least, the most erect head. Granted that an animal with all these abundant merits runs his 500 yards round the track truly—that is, following not the actual line of the hare but the inside of the course—he will do the distance a shade under 29sec. This speed will stamp him beyond all question as a high class dog, and well it might, as it is equal to almost 38 miles an hour, or 18 yards per second. Yet it is not record greyhound speed by any means, as quite a number of dogs racing to-day can do 27.50. Singularly enough, this speed is practically identical to that of a sprinting racehorse of equal class, only there is the rather important difference that the latter will maintain this rate of progression over twice the greyhound's 500 yards. There has of late been a good deal of controversy respecting the speed—merits of whippet and greyhound, but here again there is no actual analogy. A top-notch whippet, though only half the greyhound's weight, will at its best reel off 20 yards a second—just double the champion biped's rate—but the distance encompassed does not exceed 200 yards.

But the majority of greyhounds in training to-day cannot—no matter how hard the hare may pull them out—clock 500 yards under 31 seconds. Now, as a second here is equivalent to some 18 yards, it goes without saying that if a 31-second dog be matched with a 28-second one, the race must prove a fiasco. Hence, to maintain the interest, it becomes essential to adopt some system of handicapping. A time allowance at the end of the race, as in yacht racing, would ruin the spectacular side of the sport, and distance starts at the beginning would never fit in with a mechanical hare. Neither did it seem feasible to "weight" a dog in the way employed with racehorses, while to handicap greyhounds on the basis of their own individual weights had this disadvantage, that very often the swiftest dog was the smallest and most slender. Gradually, by merit or by pedigree, which ever came to be recognized, first, a standard was set out, and that is the course adopted to-day, and with no little success, it would seem.

There is nothing more striking pertaining to the new sport than the marvellous way greyhounds maintain their racing time in race after race. It is hardly known—barring, of course, accidents arising out of fighting or collisions—for a dog to record 28 seconds one day and take 30 or 31 the next. On the contrary, the times will be found to differ not even to the extent of 25 of a second. Arising out of this, is another remarkable feature. The dog running green in his initial efforts will frequently run wide and get into more experienced competitors' way, spilling his own time and, naturally, his chances of victory. But, closely watch the veteran when he is racing. It is almost uncanny the way he will clutch the inside edge, manoeuvring with rare skill when balked of this position to secure it again, all the time following the hare but never tempted to take the outer edge as she does. Such dogs seem to have no illusion on the subject; they may be out to get into grips with elusive "puss," but first and foremost they are out to beat their doggy rivals, and such dogs, granted a start, would race true without a hare at all.

But they are only dogs after all, and they detest being worried and will do anything to avoid defeat. Thus it so often happens that in the last bend, where so many races are lost and won, there is an angry "gurr" as some fellow, unable any longer to control his outraged feelings, savages his victory-flushed rival and lets in a third dog, slower than either of them, to win. One greyhound in particular—a nice, well-behaved dog in private life—simply could not face likely defeat without his jealousy overpowering him, and so many Donnybrook finishes was he mixed up in that in the end he was "warned off" all courses.

## PING PONG.

### LATEST POSITIONS IN THE LEAGUE.

With the League nearing completion, this week's matches were not contested with very great interest. The Hop Ying Club of Kowloon have, however, fought their way to third place, having defeated both St. Peter's and the Tutorial Institute.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Chinese Ath.	10	10	0	0	20
Chinese					
Y.M.C.A.	9	8	0	0	16
Hop Ying Club	7	3	0	0	14
St. China A.A.	6	3	0	0	12
University	10	6	3	1	13
Tutorial	10	4	5	1	9
St. Peter's	9	4	5	0	8
Catholic Y.M.S.	9	3	6	0	6
St. Louis	8	2	6	0	4

## NO TRUCE.

### BETWEEN JACK DEMPSEY AND KEARNS.

New York, Nov. 12. Talk of peace between Jack Dempsey and his ex-manager, Jack Kearns, was intensified recently after Kearns made known he had agreed to an indefinite postponement in Trenton, N. J. of action to recover \$333,333.33 from Dempsey under terms of a former contract. Arthur Driscoll, Dempsey's counsel, denied, however, that there had been peace overtures.—Associated Press.

The German swimmer Vierkoetter announces that he will try next year a non-stop cross-Channel swim and back.

## GOLF.

### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.16 a.m.	Reserved.
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9.25 "	G. Murray and T. S. Whyte Smith.
9.30 "	K. S. Robertson and W. Ironside.
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9.40 "	F. J. de Rome and J. L. Shellshear.
9.45 "	T. D. E. Powdered and C. L. Sandes.
9.50 "	I. H. Geare and H. G. Sheldon.
9.55 "	A. O. Brawn and D. G. Bruce.
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10.05 "	E. D. Matthews and R. M. Smith.
10.10 "	F. S. Harrison and T. L. Christie.
10.15 "	A. Leach and C. C. Stark.
10.20 "	T. G. Bennett and E. W. Morris.
10.25 "	W. L. Dunbar and L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.30 "	E. Davidson and J. D. Kinnaird.
10.35 "	G. S. Archbutt and A. E. Lissaman.
10.40 "	J. W. Franks and I. Newton.
10.45 "	A. Sommerfelt and R. Young.
10.50 "	I. D. Erskine and W. D. Brown.
10.55 "	H. T. Jackman and L. C. P. Rees.
11.00 "	E. R. Hallifax and P. P. J. Woodhouse.
11.05 "	H. A. Lammert and F. M. Ellis.
11.10 "	A. C. I. Bowker and F. Syme Thomson.
11.15 "	J. Fleming and C. J. Thwaites.
11.20 "	M. D. G. Hoare and L. A. Calcraft.
11.25 "	A. Pierce and H. Spicer.
11.30 "	A. K. Henderson and T. C. Monaghan.
11.35 "	Comdr. MacMahon and Comdr. Fowler.
11.40 "	G. Gilmore.
11.45 "	J. H. M. Andrew and W. Beveridge.
11.50 "	F. Cameron and D. Forbes.
11.55 "	K. S. Morrison and H. G. Hegarty.
12.00 p.m.	S. S. Perry and R. K. M. Simpson.
12.05 "	G. H. Wilson and J. Smith.
12.10 "	C. B. Robertson and D. S. Edward.
12.15 "	M. G. Mills and C. A. Peel.
12.20 "	H. R. Sturt and C. H. Eldridge.
12.25 "	F. Merry and J. W. King.
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## INTERPORT CRICKET.

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The next over saw Brace relieve Dobbie at the Naval Yard end, Tam Pearce wisely taking the latter off after a fairly long spell. Brace's first over was a maiden. Score at 11.30 a.m.:

Shanghai—1st Innings.	
D. W. Leach, b Brace	20
P. Madar, c Pearce, b Dobbie	1
J. A. Quayle, c Dale	0
L. F. Stokes, not out	10
Extras	9

Total (for 3 wks.) 40  
At 11.45 Shanghai had scored 50. Barrett and Stokes were still batting.

Comments.  
To borrow a racing term, "even money" represented the prospects this morning, the home team having an advantage in batting and the visitors possessing a superior attack.

When it was known that Shanghai had won the toss and Lt. Hunt was unable to play for Hong Kong, it was felt that the odds, if any, lay slightly with Shanghai.

Alterations to the Hong Kong Cricket Club house were much appreciated as were the arrangements for the public.

For the first time Army signallers were put in charge of telephone communication between the score-box and the score-board at the other end of the ground.

## BOY'S "REVENGE."

### TRIES TO BURN EMPLOYER'S STALL.

#### GETS TWELVE STROKES.

A Chinese youth who admitted that he was actuated through motives of revenge at having been dismissed from his employer's service the day previously, was sentenced to twelve strokes of the birch at the Central Magistracy this morning for causing malicious damage to the stall of a hawk at Shaukiwan. Evidence was given by the stallholder that he observed a small fire burning at the bottom of the stall yesterday evening. With the assistance of an employee he put out the fire and, being suspicious, kept a watch for further developments. Hiding themselves in the neighbourhood, they observed the accused shortly after they had left the stall, setting fire to parts of the stall. They immediately apprehended him and took him to the police station. The lad admitted the offence to Mr. Lindsell, Magistrate, and said that he wished to have revenge for being dismissed.

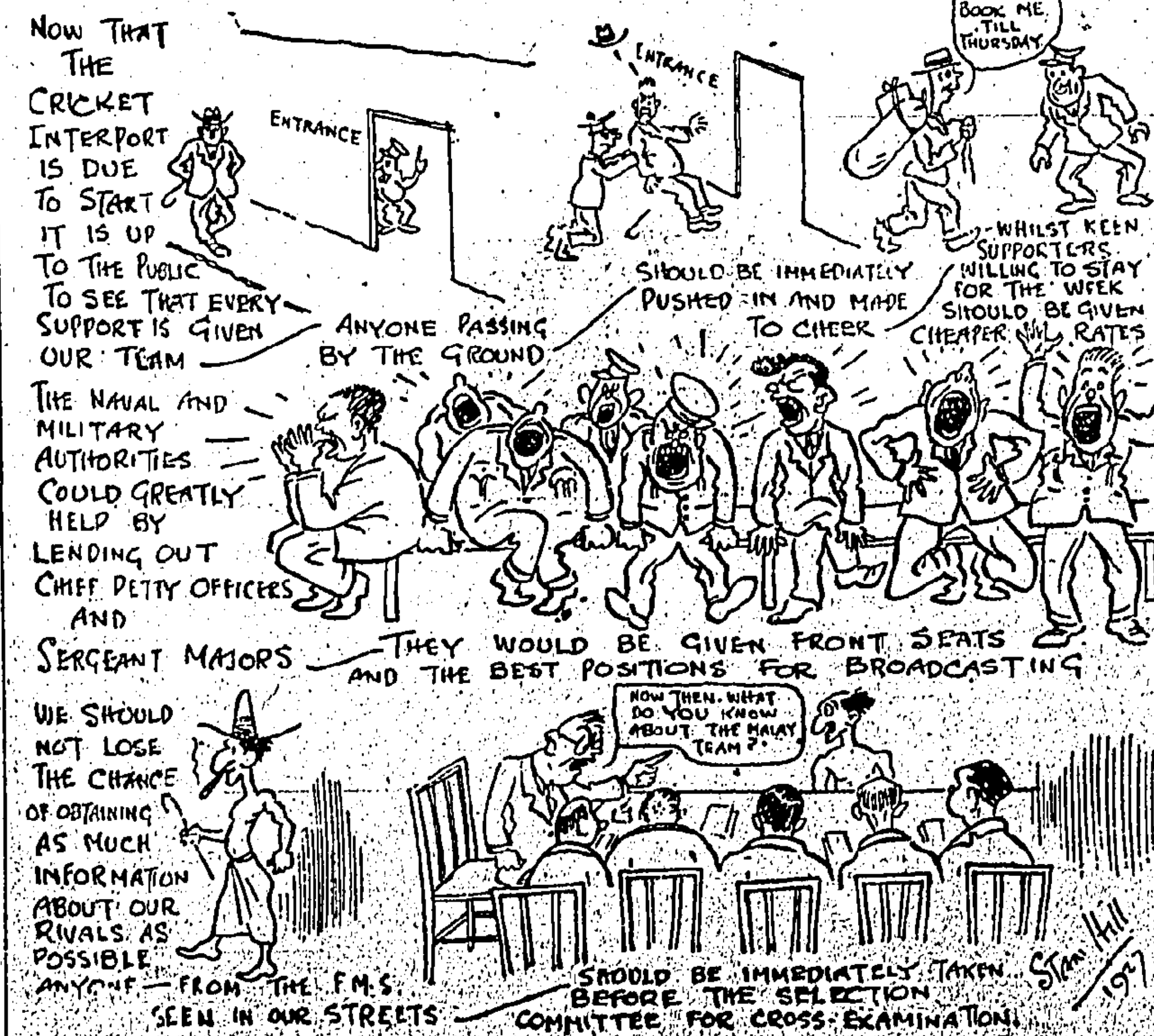
## PIRACY PROBLEM.

### DISCUSSED BY MINISTERS IN PEKING.

#### SIR C. CLEMENTI PRESENT.

Peking, Yesterday. Sir Cecil Clementi discussed the piracy problem in South China waters with the British, Japanese, French and Italian Ministers and the American Chargé d'Affaires at two conferences on Wednesday. It is further understood that an agreement regarding suppressive measures was reached. The Ministers referring the proposals to their respective home Governments.—Reuter.

## INTERPORT CRICKET.



The Joys of Selectors—And Supporters!

## QUEEN'S



TUESDAY TO SATURDAY  
November 22nd to 26th.

## LOCAL TROOPS.

### MORE BUILDINGS BEING VACATED.

#### TRAINING SEASON BEGINS.

With the reduction in the troops at present in Hong Kong the buildings taken over by the military are gradually being vacated and the accommodation confined to the military encampments. The next building to be vacated will be the Diocesan Boys' School, which has been occupied by the R.A.M.C., and the patients will be absorbed at the Military Hospital, while others will probably either embark for Shanghai or proceed home. The Diocesan Boys' School will then be thoroughly overhauled and brought to the same condition as when they were taken over. Regarding the movements of other troops now in the Colony, the Scots Guards are at present at Lo Wu, New Territories, where they are carrying out their annual training which will finish on December 16. The Queen's Regiment are due to commence their annual training in camp at Sun Wai, New Territories to-day and they will break camp on December 19. After completing their annual camp, these regiments will be stationed at Shamshuipo. The premises of the Dragon Motor Company at Happy Valley, which were occupied by some of the Queen's, have also been vacated.

## THEFT FROM CHURCH

### THIEF APPREHENDED AT PAWN SHOP.

#### TWO MONTHS' JAIL.

For stealing a carpet and some brass candlesticks from St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, a Chinese was sentenced to four months' hard labour at the Magistracy this morning. The thefts were reported to the Police who kept a watch at various pawn-shops and apprehended the accused as he tried to raise money on them. It was stated that the man walked into the church through the side entrance and got away with the articles without being observed.

## PRISON RULES.

### HEALTH AND CLEANLINESS OF PRISONERS.

The following rule has been made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 18 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 4 of 1899:—  
The Prison rules made by the Governor in Council under section 18 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, and set forth on pages 181-257 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925, are hereby further amended by the reclusion of paragraph (1) of rule No. 123 (on page 204) and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:—  
(1) The Medical Officer shall visit every prison under his care at times to be arranged by the Superintendent, or as may be necessary, and shall see every prisoner therein at least once a week, so as to ascertain his general state of health, and whether he is clean in his person and free from disease.

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### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Credits 4 months' sight	2/¼
Documentary 4 months sight	2/1½
On Paris—	
On demand	1250
Credits 4 months' sight	1325
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	49½
Credits 60 days' sight	51
On Bombay—	
Wire	—
On demand	135
On Calcutta—	
Wire	—
On demand	135
On Singapore—	
On demand	87½
On Manila—	
On demand	99
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78½
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	107
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.55
Silver (per oz.)	26½
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2% prem.
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## MOTORING SECTION

### TIMID DRIVERS.

FOOLPROOF CAR  
SUGGESTED.

Timidity in drivers, since it leads to carelessness, is probably a much more desirable characteristic than over-confidence and its consequent recklessness. However, there are probably many persons who fear that they cannot control existing cars with their mechanical complexities. In the following article from the "Autocar," Cecil B. Waterlow, B.Sc., suggests that many of these people would purchase the right type of vehicle if it were produced, and make suggestions to that end.

Can anyone learn to drive a car? At present I believe no—in the case of an ordinary car that has an ordinary gear box—the kind about which Levasor said, long ago, "It is crude and brutal, but it works." Will the motor industry do anything for the nervous mechanically incompetent, elderly or ignorant people who long for the new freedom that would come from being able to drive themselves about alone? Is the idea commercially worth while?

It is, of course, a delusion and a snare to suppose that it is possible to learn by heart—like a part in a play—all that ever has to be done with the ordinary type of gear change and controls; but you cannot fundamentally change the unmechanical type of mind, especially when it happens to be feminine and mature. If, however, you admit that there are, and always will be, many people of a certain type who can never drive the ordinary cars of the present day with comfort, the next step is to devise means of overcoming their difficulties.

#### Simplified Gears.

Much thought and not a little money have already been expended on this problem. The ideas here presented do not purport to be original, but it is hoped to display them in a new light.

The car of which there are more examples than any other in the world, namely the Ford, has a two-speed epicyclic gear which is very easy to manage—we will not say that it is impossible to make a mistake with it, because, as all Ford drivers know, it is possible to press the wrong pedal and go backwards when you mean to go forwards and vice versa. The word "epicyclic," by the way, is alarming to the uninitiated; but it is not necessary for the beginner to know what it means or anything about it.

Many, various and fantastic have been the inventions which, since the earliest days, have tried to overcome the gear changing difficulty, and to-day there are still some that look promising. There is, for example, the Constantinesco automatic, infinitely variable gear. It has yet to prove itself in the hands of ordinary users. There have been numerous attempts also to relieve the driver by controlling and operating ordinary gear boxes electrically or mechanically, notably in America as regards the former methods, and, equally notably, these electric systems have so far failed to establish themselves.

Quite another idea is embodied in the magnetic system of transmission, introduced some years ago, which also has not registered progress, although it appears to be ideal so far as simplicity and ease of control are concerned, there being no gears whatever.

Then in the class of large, luxurious, chauffeur-driven carriages there is the big Lanchester of to-day, which has an epicyclic gear equipment with which it is practically impossible to make a mistake. But the larger Lanchester model is outside the scope of this article. There are plenty of other high-priced cars capable of doing almost all their work on top, and so without gear changing. After a side-long glance at the steam car, just to placate its enthusiastic supporters, we come to the immediate possibilities of the present and future.

#### True Flexibility.

Why not instal a good, modern, six-cylinder engine, of moderate size, power, and price in a chassis with a two-speed epicyclic gear similar in principle and operation to the Ford, which has been in successful use for very many years? With an ample flow of sustained power over a wide range of speed, such as the type of engine demanded can readily be made to possess, this suggested vehicle would be almost, but not quite, a one-speed car. Reversing, moreover, would be much mitigated with an epicyclic

gear of the Ford type, because its action is less positive than that of an ordinary gear. In reverse, in the hands of a nervous driver, the ordinary type of gear is often so positive and abrupt that shrubberies, flower beds, gate posts, and so forth are in danger. One friend of mine alleges that she now cannot go to church because there happens to be nowhere to turn around without reversing.

A range of speed extending from 4 to 50 m.p.h. on the top gear is what is required, and that is, of course, well within the scope of modern achievement. The low gear should always be there (though seldom used) for emergencies. All the driver would have to do when the car could not 'make the grade' would be to press his or her foot on the appropriate pedal—an action that might, after all, be learnt by heart—and there would be no serious risk of running backwards. Even if the reverse pedal were pressed by mistake the car would not run backwards fast or freely; it would, indeed, be as near foolproof as it is so far possible to make a car. It would not be costly, and it would be a joy forever to thousands of elderly and nervous potential drivers.

It would not be costly because the type of engine required—a flexible medium powered six—is not now confined to the expensive class, and because the type of gear demanded has been used for many years on the car which, in its country of origin—America—is still the cheapest. Moreover, the number of people to whom it would appeal is so great that mass production methods could be adopted. This car should be a dreadnought in the matter of abuse; it should have no subtleties of control, so dear to the expert's heart; ignition advance should be entirely automatic, and its dash should display a minimum of information. The driver would take his or her place without qualms, press a button to start the car, press another to make it go progressively faster, change the foot to another to make it slow down and stop.

For the trade there is here a new world waiting to be conquered, while the prospective owner can catch a glimpse of a new heaven on earth. But, having had rather a tough job in conquering worlds so far, the industry may, at first, be rather lukewarm about these suggestions. However, in all businesses supply must endeavour to follow demand; but it is some times difficult to discern and appreciate an existing or potential demand, and the type of prospective driver we are discussing is certainly not vocal. The dumb millions who really want all sorts of things have a way of remaining dumb; they scarcely know what, exactly, they want until the goods are offered. For the type of car indicated the dumb longing is present, and when, if ever, the right car is offered, that car will be accepted with acclamation, and will create whole new armies of enthusiastic motorists.

#### STILL TOO NOISY.

Motorists cannot help thinking that the Home Secretary is very difficult to please, and his renewed attack on noisy exhausts will cause a good deal of perplexity. Since the campaign against noisy exhausts started there has been a very marked endeavour amongst motorists to fall in with official requirements. To whom, then, does the latest circular apply? If it be to a minority, surely the police are to be blamed for not dealing with them. If, on the other hand, the Home Secretary is still not satisfied with the silencing arrangements of motor cars as a whole, we think, says "The Light Car and Cyclecar," that he is carrying the matter to extremes. Intolerable noise is created by vehicles other than private cars, and motoring folk, the majority of whom are unaware of giving any offence themselves, are becoming increasingly puzzled at the apparent official apathy towards an increasing evil which has long called for eradication.

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### NEW 'BUSES.

SIX-WHEEL VEHICLES IN LONDON.

So many nails have been hammered into the coffin of the tramway car as a result of omnibus development and competition, that one almost feels encouraged to visualise, in the not far distant future, the complete disappearance of the streets of our more important cities (says "Motor Transport"). Some may consider this to be carrying prediction too far, but no one can deny that the tramway stronghold is at present being very vigorously and effectively attacked at points in its defences which at one time were generally regarded as invulnerable. We refer, of course, to the competition of the six-wheeler omnibus, the latest and perhaps most significant example of which will be seen in London if, as may be confidently expected, the 68-seater omnibus is approved by Scotland Yard. In fact, the advent on the London streets of the covered-top-deck six-wheeler fitted with pneumatic tyres will be a development likely to have a far-reaching influence in popularising a type of public service vehicle the commercial possibilities of which are only beginning to be realised. Experienced city traffic authorities have stated that, by reason of its greater capacity, the tramway car is a more efficient instrument than any kind of omnibus for handling city passenger traffic at rush hours. So it was—once. But can such a claim now be substantiated? The results so far obtained in service with six-wheeled double-deck omnibuses seating up to nearly seventy passengers seem to justify a negative answer to that question. For even if the latest types of three-axle motor omnibuses cannot, or are not permitted to, carry quite as many passengers as the largest tram cars, their superior mobility, permitting them to draw up to the kerb and overtake other vehicles, affords them an important advantage in this connection.

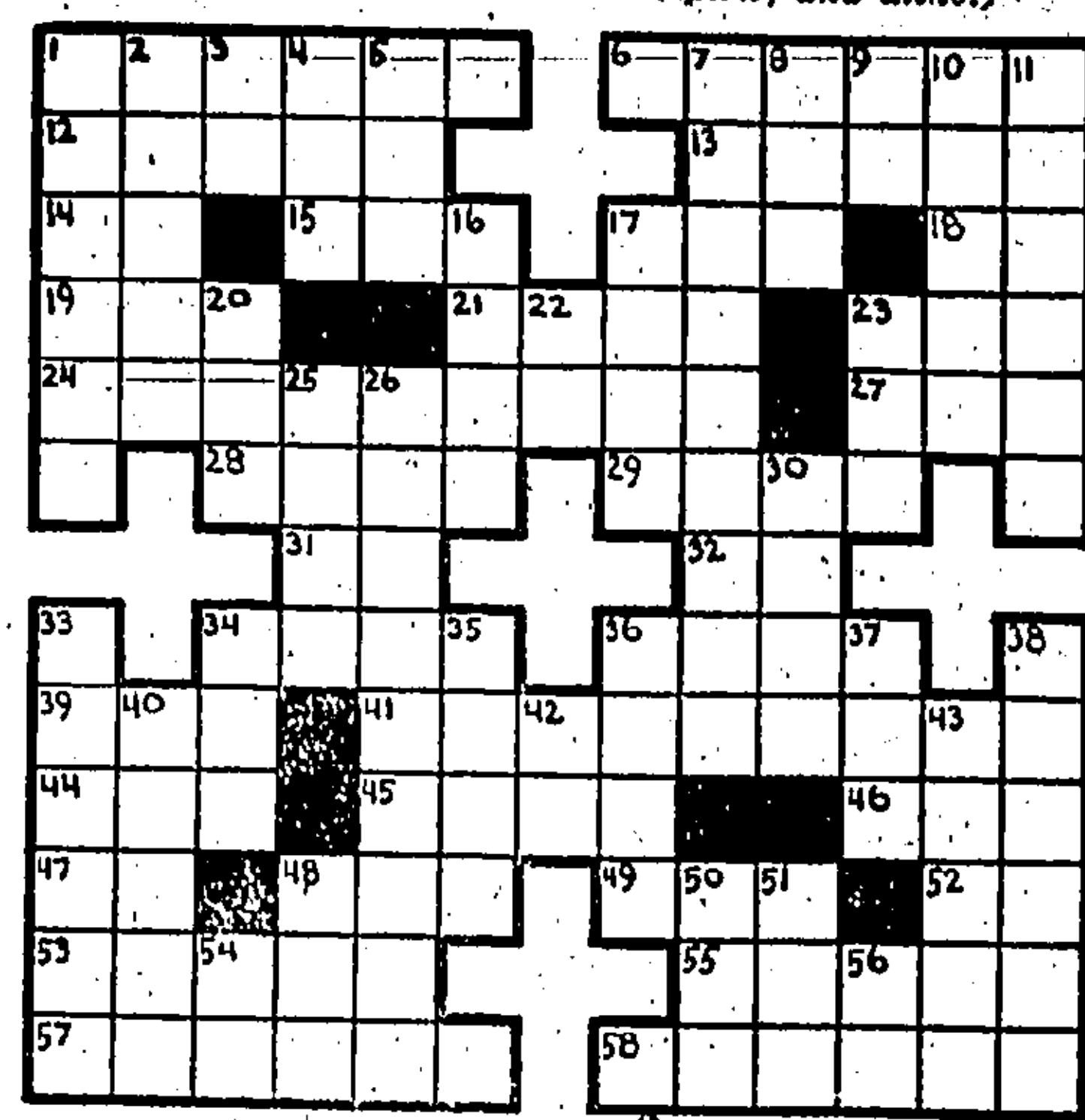
Further claims for comparative superiority made on behalf of the tramcar which not long ago were difficult to refute concern its smoother running and the seasonal advantage of protection to top-deck passengers. But six-wheeled construction, improved springing, and pneumatic tyres go far to place the motor omnibus on an equal footing with the tram in the first of these respects, whilst omnibus top-deck coverings are now commonplace. Briefly stated, the rivalry between the motor omnibus and electric tramcar has reached a stage where the former has been so improved that it compares favourably with its competitor in all respects, and holds possibilities for further improvement, whereas the latter still suffers from the more important of its original drawbacks and offers little opportunity for improvement, except in detail and perhaps in the doubtful matter of speed. It might be suggested that, to meet the growing menace of omnibus competition, tramcars could be made even larger, but from the public viewpoint such an "improvement" would be more than offset by their increased obstructiveness and noisier running, to say nothing about the further wasteful expenditure of ratepayers' money which their construction would entail.

#### BAD ROAD SURFACES.

A writer in "The Light Car and Cyclecar" who has just returned from a fairly long South-country tour, emphasises a danger which is not always associated with sections of roadway which have just been tar-sprayed. In one district through which he passed the liquid tar had been covered with what he called "rubble"; if it did not conform strictly with the term, the sand contained a multitude of comparatively large stones. Traversing one of these stretches very cautiously, he heard a hoot behind, and a big car travelling very fast shot past him and "cut-in" very suddenly across his bows. The result was that a shower of this rubble was flung back by the rear wheels of the car with such force that for a moment he was afraid his screen would be broken. It is to be hoped that the road authorities will not continue to "lay" liquid tar with such a dangerous material.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

#### HORIZONTAL

- 1-What islands N. W. of Africa, gave the name to a popular bird?
- 2-A monk's hooded cape
- 3-What gaseous constituent of the atmosphere was discovered in 1831?
- 4-Egyptian sun-god
- 5-The wapiti
- 6-A pen for animals
- 7-A theological degree (abbr.)
- 8-The Greek long E
- 9-A mental image
- 10-A garden tool
- 11-Making signs to
- 12-A female servant in India
- 13-To gain by labor
- 14-Accomplished
- 15-What is the symbol for magnesium?
- 16-A compass point (abbr.)
- 17-To attend to
- 18-A positive command that something be done
- 19-Shouting
- 20-What is an orderly continuous account of an event called?
- 21-To go wrong
- 22-A food fish

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 23-By numerals
- 24-To tipple
- 25-Province of Canada (abbr.)
- 26-One who lays brick or stone
- 27-What Italian composer wrote "Il Trovatore"?
- 28-Exhibited
- 29-What is the name of the Gorgon whose head was cut off by Perseus?
- 30-A noted Italian violin maker
- 31-What is the symbol for nickel?
- 32-A playing card
- 33-Religion (abbr.)
- 34-What region occupies the S. extremity of S. America?
- 35-To move with a lever
- 36-The King of Bashan (Bible)
- 37-What city, with Gomorrah, was burned by fire from heaven?

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

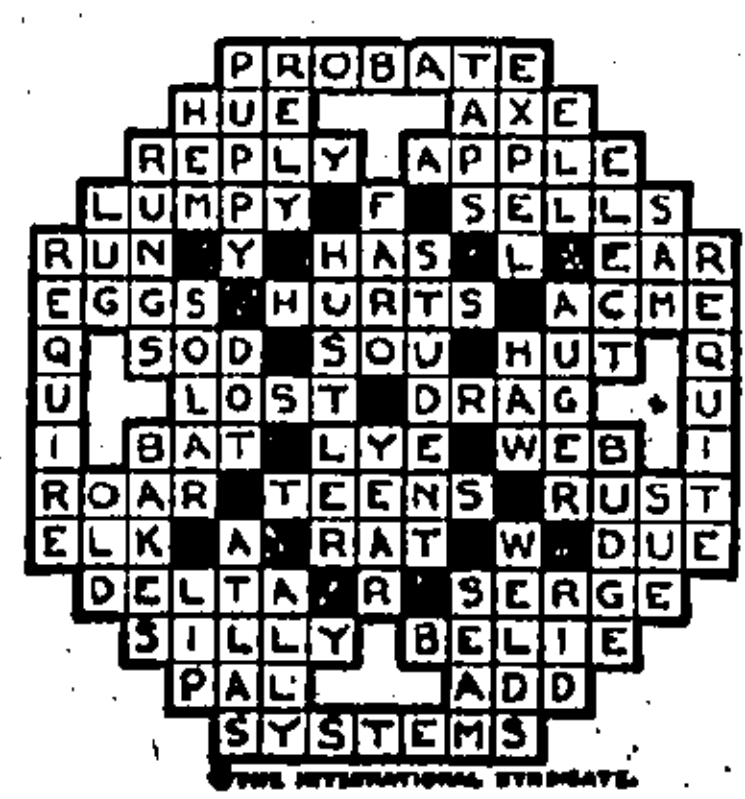
- 38-What beloved 16th-century burning brick
- 39-To dispatch
- 40-The decline of life
- 41-Professing
- 42-Have (Scott)
- 43-Title
- 44-Country of S. America
- 45-Tidy
- 46-What cathedral city in N. E. France was formerly the coronation place of the French kings?
- 47-Possessive pronoun
- 48-A beam
- 49-A frigate
- 50-The end
- 51-What country is officially designated Iran?
- 52-What Hittite captain was treacherously sent to his death by David?
- 53-Royal Navy (abbr.)
- 54-Sails
- 55-A bend or curve
- 56-The evening before a church festival
- 57-To marry
- 58-Thus
- 59-Runic (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

#### THE £100 CAR.

In the current issue of "Motor Cycling" it is pointed out that although a year or so ago there were rumours of the "£100 car" ousting the sidecar outfit for cheap passenger transport, there was not such a four-wheeler at the Motor Show. The journal goes on to say that the public was wise in preferring the well-tried sidecar outfit to the ultra-cheap cars which appeared in experimental form about 12 months ago.

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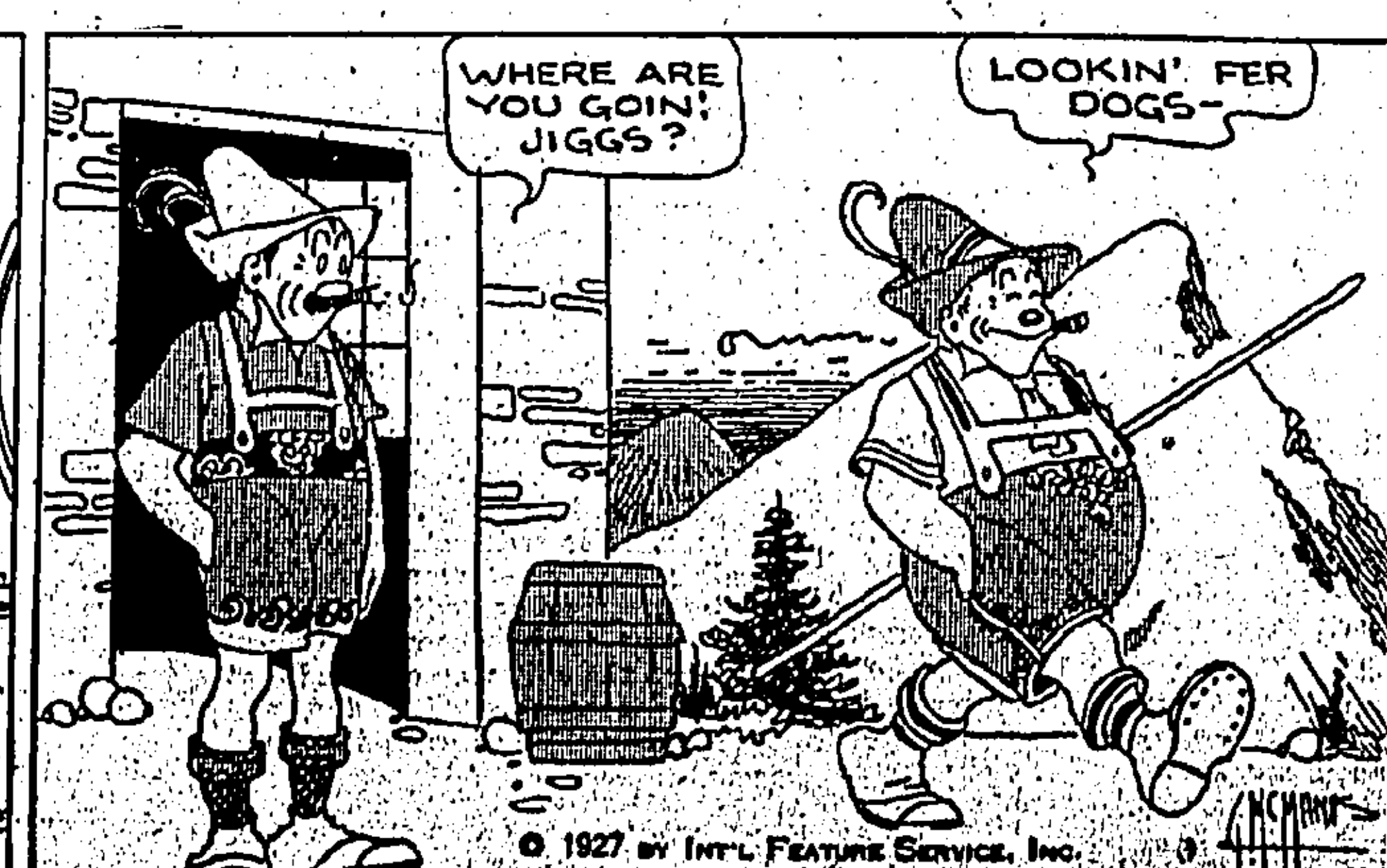
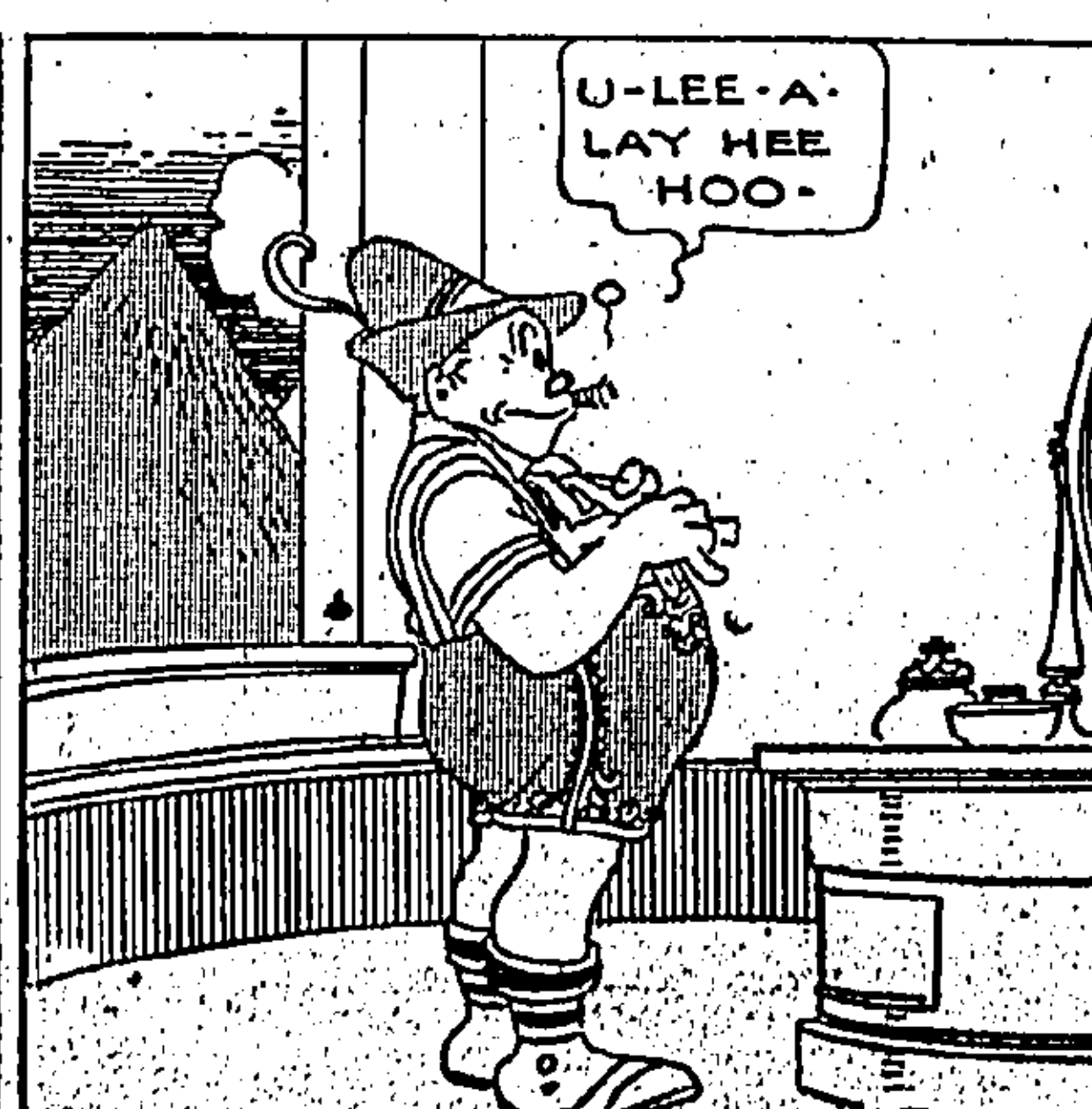
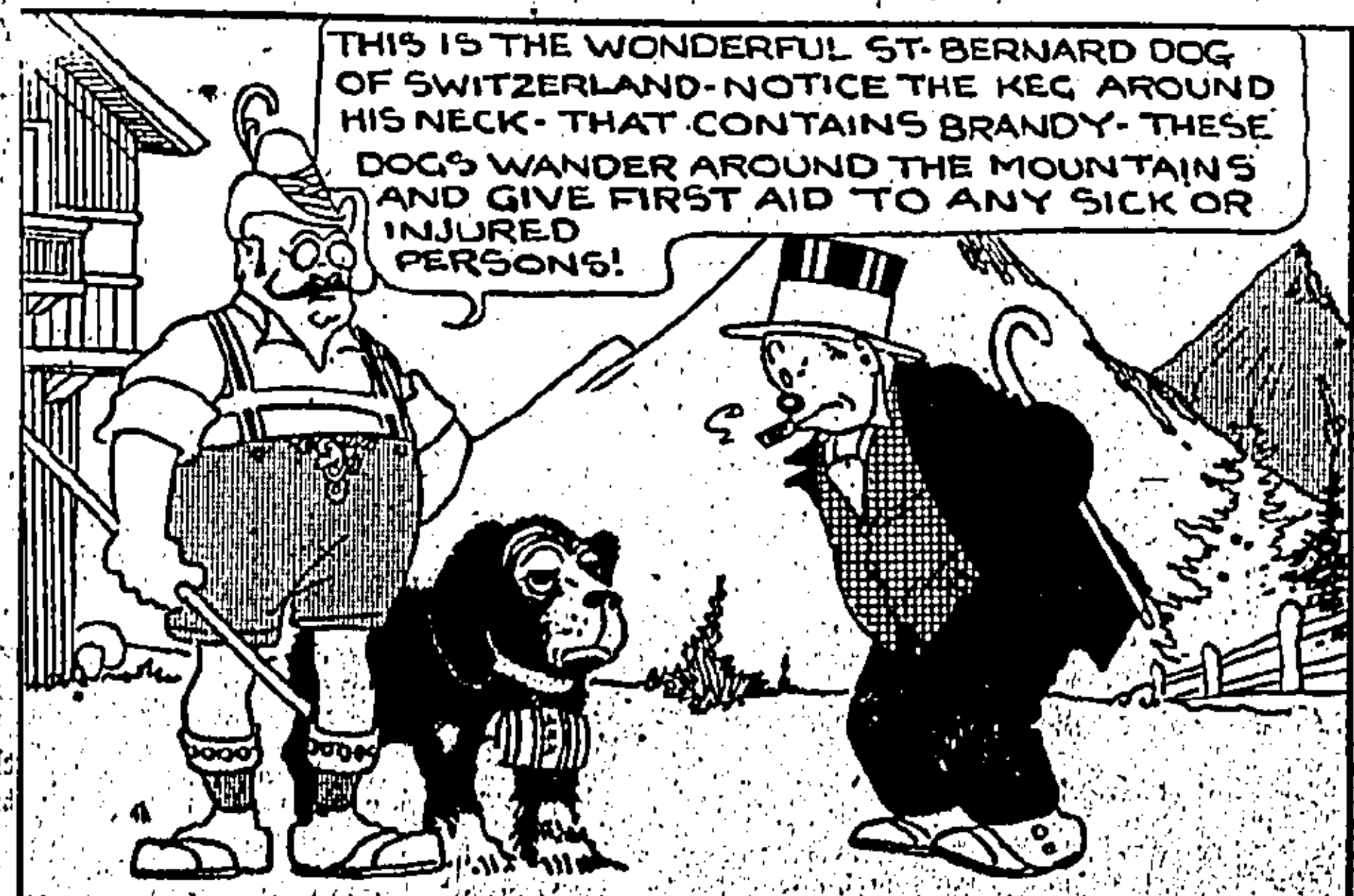
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## FLYING DAY BY DAY

## ACROSS PACIFIC.

Japanese Flyers Have Eye On Honours.

Tokyo, Nov. 11.—Japan is making thorough and extensive preparations to be the first nation to fly across the Pacific. After weeks of study of the proposed flight a special committee in charge of details has announced that two pilots and two alternates have been selected to fly the big new plane being constructed for the purpose, and that financing of the scheme has been arranged. Pilots Kaiyeda and Kamei, both naval aviators, have been selected first choice for the crew with Gota and Suwa as alternates. It is planned to start the flight in spring in a hydroplane built in this country—making it an all-Japanese affair. Kamejiro Taki, a member of the Japanese Diet from Hyogo prefecture, has donated 100,000 towards the fund for financing the effort. The route for the flight has not finally decided but it probably will be via Midway, Hawaii, San Francisco. The effort is under the auspices of the Imperial Aviation Society.—United Press.

## PRIDE OF ITALY.

Giant Motorship Leaves Genoa On First Trip.

Genoa, Nov. 11.—Italy's pride, the giant motorship "Augustus," sailed from here on its maiden trip to-day. The "Augustus" is the largest ship ever built. She was ordered two years ago and is the first of a large fleet of these ships to be constructed by the Italian Government. Premier Mussolini personally attended to ordering. It was recently announced that the "Augustus" will be placed on an anti-Atlantic run to replace the "Mafalda," which sank the coast of South America recently with large loss of life.—United Press.

## OLD PRINCIPLES.

Defied By Aeroplane Designers.

Principles which have thus far regarded as axiomatic by airplane designers have been stood upon by the firm of Focke-Wulf Bremen in the construction of a "type" of heavier-than-air machine. The new plane gives the impression of flying backward, for controls are in front and the propellers and wings behind. The pilot is in the direction of the tail. The inventors claim for the new machine known as "duck" that it takes any possibility of capsizing. More important still, they claim the brakes can be applied when the machine is in the air and it reaches the ground without danger of its turning a somersault. This is of inestimable value in the case of forced landings on all fields. When the "duck" was demonstrated recently Director Wulf and showed his confidence in the stability of his invention by letting his arms and letting the machine run alone for a while.

## AUSTRALIAN AIRWAYS.

In addition to 13,976 miles on the Perth-Derby route, the mileage on air lines carried out in September totalled 5,105, including visits to Kalgoorlie, Southern Cross, Redfern, Kellerberrin, Meckering, Perth, Bencubbin and Wyalkatchem. A party of business men, finding it necessary to return to Perth as early as possible after a country made arrangements to be met at Mingenew by plane. The 200-mile trip to the City was completed in less than two hours, enabling the passengers to keep appointments which would otherwise have been impossible.

## WELCOME TO FLIERS.

New York, Nov. 11.—The metropolis to-day roared a welcome to Ruth Elder and Capt. George Haldeman who were rescued mid-ocean recently after the wreck of their trans-Atlantic ship to Paris. Broadway was thronged with thousands of cheering people as the aviators were escorted to their hotel.—Associated Press.

## NEW AIR FIGHTER.

London, Oct. 24.—The Air Ministry is at present working on a new amphibious fighter which can alight either on deck of a battleship or on the water.

It is called a Parnall-Napier and is intended for reconnaissance work and for reporting the effect of gunfire from the sea.

## BRITAIN'S CHANCE.

Sir Alan Cobham's Prophecy.

London, Oct. 12.—T. Stanhope Sprigg, (Editor of Airways) writes to the "Singapore Free Press":—Many people will remember the amusing drawings which humorous artists used to give us in the early days of aviation. They were pictures of all manner of wild and weird aircraft dashing about the air, and these aerial monstrosities ranged from fat commercial gentlemen who had attached themselves to umbrellas with convenient little motors mounted on their frames, aerial hansom cabs, airships in the form of fierce looking dragons, to various craft with mounted sails and propellers and looked a cross between an early steam yacht and a motor-car.

It was all very absurd, of course. Most of us laughed at them as a clever dream of the Jules Verne type, but probably not a dozen of us took them, for one moment, seriously, or ever imagined that the days of the private owners of aeroplanes could ever dawn within the span of our own lifetimes. Nevertheless these humorous artists built much better than they knew, and what they regarded as a most excellent jest some fifteen years ago has now become our serious practical concern.

Who, for example, would dare to put a limit to the periods when most families have their own aeroplanes? Will this day dawn within the next five years, ten years, or twenty-five years? Who can tell? I, personally, am one of the optimists, and I believe that within the next ten to fifteen years aeroplanes will come into general use for ordinary everyday transport, and I noted the other day that Sir Alan Cobham, the well-known long distance airman, in a speech he delivered in Devonshire, was equally enthusiastic. He tied himself to the prediction that in ten years' time aviation will be as common as motoring is to-day.

Meanwhile it is interesting to observe that we are waking up here in England to the importance of annexing some air records on our own account. There is, for example the case of Captain R. H. Macintosh, the daring pilot, who, undismayed by the fogs which had put a sudden end to his flight across the Atlantic from the East to the West, has now turned his face in the opposite direction and is to set out on a four thousand miles, or longer, non-stop trip across Southern Europe to India. He hopes to beat Chamberlin's record, and when I saw him yesterday he assured me that he was quite undaunted by the aerial terrors, real and imaginary, of the Persian Gulf, which claimed Flt. Lt. Carr's machine when he attempted a similar feat some weeks ago. Nor can it have escaped notice that British light aeroplanes are also being used, in ever increasing number, to set up valuable British records.

There is no doubt, however, of the fact that Flight-Lieut. Webster, in winning the Schneider trophy for Great Britain at a speed of 281.49 miles per hour has set the authorities on their mettle. Many friends of aviation in this country would like to see the British Air Ministry go seriously after the international height record now that the egregious French pretender has been exposed, for it is a record that is much coveted. We already hold it in the light plane field, and if we could only gain it in the unlimited class, we should certainly believe that we had something to write to the British Dominions about.

Popularly, the Schneider Cup is supposed to have cost us a hundred thousand pounds to annex, but the height record could, of course, be gained with a very much smaller cost than that.

Off to the Far East. One of the greatest Empire flights ever planned will begin at Calcutta on October 17 when four all-

metal Supermarine Southampton flying-boats will start on a twenty-five-thousand miles' flight service cruise to Australia and back to Singapore.

After flying round the Australian seaboard the boats will make for Melbourne and then, I am informed, will go back to Singapore, which will be their permanent base. It is stated that they will then become the nucleus of the Air Force in the Far East, which, with the headquarters at Singapore, will co-operate with the Australian Air Service.

There seems to be general agreement among British experts that vastly more service is done to aviation by Empire flights of this sort than the trans-Atlantic flights by which we have been recently thrilled. Very soon now our Imperial air routes will have to be worked either by giant flying boats or airships—and certainly not by the medium-powered land planes that have recently been setting up all the records. As a matter of fact, these "Southampton" flying boats definitely give us the lead in flying boat construction. They are, I am told, the cause of envy and considerable gnashing of teeth abroad, for they could, if it were wished and the Air Ministry were so disposed, easily achieve all the records in their particular class—it is rumoured, have already done so in secret. What amazes our foreign friends most, however, is their extraordinary seaworthiness, for they can ride out quite rough seas in safety.

Bombing Planes. Tests are being carried out by the Air Ministry with a bombing plane that can carry a full-size torpedo and nearly three and a half tons of petrol and yet can travel at ground level at a speed of a hundred-and-twenty-five miles per hour. This

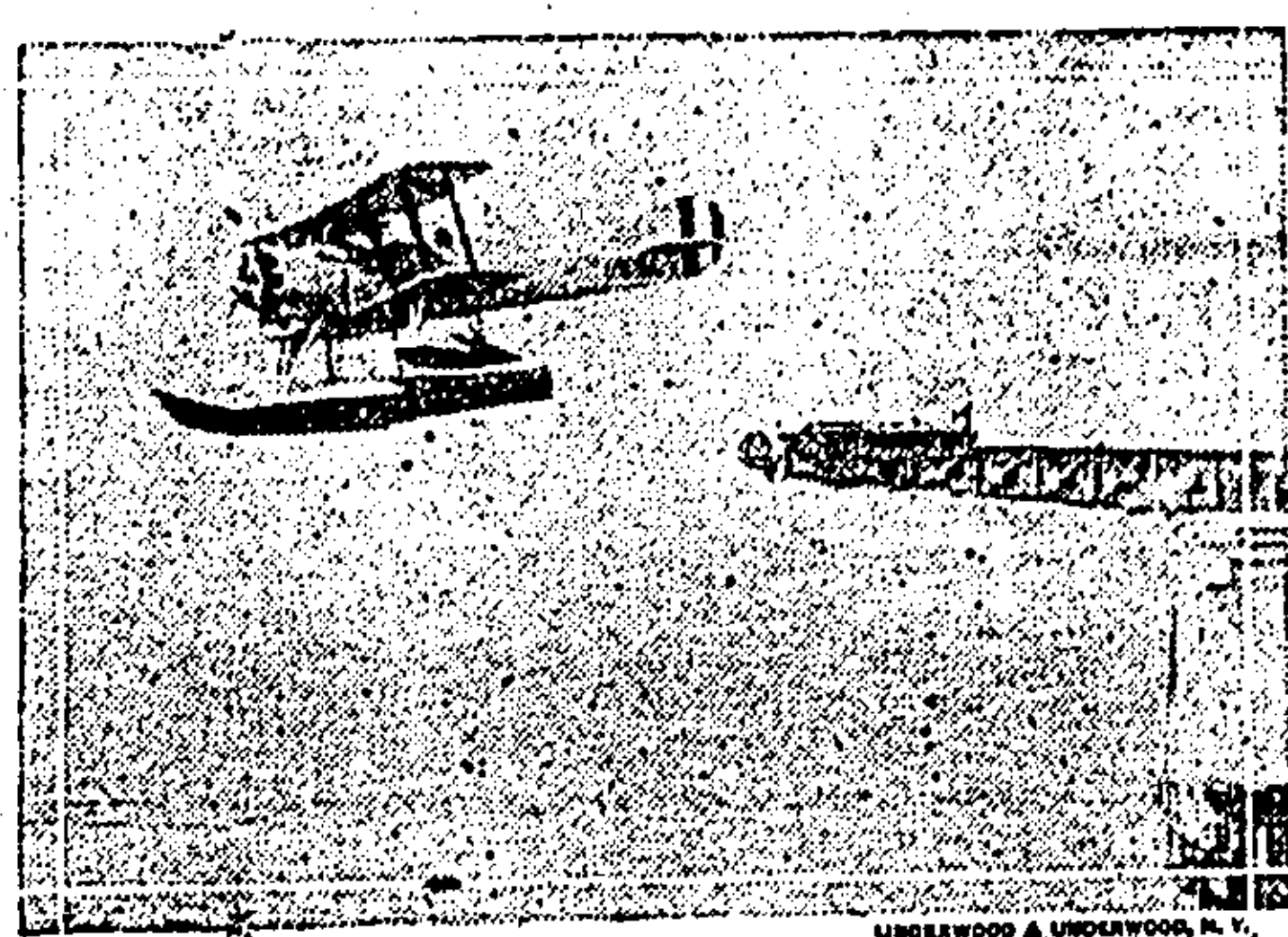
So much, for the flying doctor! Now we are confronted with the flying parson! He is the Rev. Leonard Daniels, rector of Wilcannia, New South Wales, a parish as large as England. I remember meeting him some time ago at the London flying club, and he impressed me very much with his zeal, coolness and common sense.

He told me, and some of my press colleagues, that hitherto it has been impossible, owing to the lack of road and rail communication, for him to visit all his parishioners even in a twelve-month. With the Moth he will be able to reach the farthest corner of his huge parish in a few hours, and thus many weeks of valuable time now consumed in cross-country travelling will be saved. The funds for the purchase of the machine, which will also be used to carry medical assistance to scattered farms and homesteads, have been raised by collections during a six-months lecture tour which Mr. Daniels has made in England under arrangements made by the Colonial and Continental Church Society.

The machine will be painted silver with purple struts, and will bear the words "Church of England."

"I Am Levine." I hope I am betraying no confidence when I tell the world that that arch comedian of aviation, Mr. Levine, the American financier, has left few regrets by his sudden determination to return to "God's own country." He has, of course, been flying all over Europe as a kind of unlearned Air King of America, landing promiscuously, refusing to produce any passports, and meeting all demands with the magic words "I Am Levine."

It is lucky, however, that he decided to abandon his flight as his machine would almost certainly



A "land catapult" constructed on the end of a pier for the use of green navy pilots to familiarise them with the proper method of taking off from the deck of a ship. From a standing start compressed air shoots the plane from the steel finger 40 feet long at a speed of 50 miles an hour.

machine was originally built as a high altitude bomber and can climb to a height of twenty thousand feet, or nearly four miles, and even then can travel at a hundred miles per hour.

The Americans are not backward in this direction, for a bombing machine has just been completed for the American Army Service for which a speed of a hundred and sixteen miles per hour is claimed and which, when fully loaded with bombs, will weigh over seven and a quarter tons. This is said to be the largest all-metal machine in the world. The tendency of many countries now, however, is to concentrate on big bombers.

Nevertheless, it is only fair to add that many experts consider the big-bomber policy unsound and that the low speed of these machines, their lack of manoeuvrability and their expense are grave disadvantages. This school pins its faith to the fast small bomber carrying only one bomb.

## Flying Parsons.

It is, I suppose, common knowledge that one or two doctors in Australia with wide flung practices have recently provided themselves with aeroplanes. Indeed, I am assured that a scheme is now afoot to extend this sort of flying and to organise a proper aeroplane service which will cover the Bush in systematic fashion. Even in British Guiana a plantation company has already installed a plane, fitted up as an ambulance to rush fever cases back to civilisation in a fraction of the time taken by boat.

have been forced to alight on the Atlantic. It was evidently somewhat the worse for its arduous experiences, and it is significant that "Doc" Kinkadee who "doctored" their engine, and whose boast is that no engine treated by him has ever failed, left a note behind him telling them on no account to venture forth!

As usual, however, he figured to the end as the Playboy of the Western World, for when he departed from Vienna he wore the Italian Fascist Party emblem in his buttonhole and declared that he had received the emblem from the secretary of the Italian Fascist Party. There is internationalism for you! What a priceless asset to the League of Nations!

We in Europe return Mr. Levine to the United States with compliments—and with thanks.

## SAFETY DEVICE.

Experiment With Anti-Spin Slotted Wing.

London, Oct. 24.

The Aeronautical correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says that the first test of the new aeroplane fitted with anti-spin slotted wings has been tried successfully.

The pilot deliberately stalled the machine seemed to be in imminent peril of spinning and crashing. But he actually defied all previous experience, dropped down nose, regained speed and landed in the ordinary way.

The device is the outcome of eight years' experiments and consists of curved surfaces lying snugly in front of the edge of the wings, but moving ahead of them. When the wing drops the action is almost automatic. Air pressure forces the extension of the planes forward providing an extra grip upon the air and enabling the pilot to dip the nose and restore the flying speed.

Experts express the opinion that this is the most important development since the art of flying was acquired. It should eliminate 95 per cent. of the crashes which now occur.

An Austro-French Aviation Convention has been signed, abolishing the restrictions of the Austro-French Aviation Convention recently done in the case of Germany.

## AVIATION BOOM.

VIEWS OF LEO CHIOZZA MONEY.

## SACRIFICES IN PEACE.

(To the Editor of the Spectator.) Sir,—I admire the intrepidity of those who, sitting comfortably at home and knowing as little of the mechanism of aeroplanes and airships as they do of their electric light systems, talk of man's indomitable soul, and of the world's great need to make vicarious sacrifice upon the altars of a Progress which ought never to be printed without a capital "P." Three columns in the morning paper for at least nine days are promised to any man or woman who will fly the Atlantic, and three lines for three days to any man or woman who will perish in attempting to fly the Atlantic. In a few months the Atlantic has engulfed a dozen daring men and one woman, while the Pacific has accounted for half-a-dozen men and one woman. The Pacific adventures have had bare record here, but the fate of Miss Doran has apparently aroused some indignation in America. As for the Atlantic dozen, I do not believe that there is a single reader of these lines who, any more than myself, could write down their names without error. The great flood of current news washes out their memory as surely as the ocean washed out their lives. I suppose that in days in which a man, woman, or child is killed on our roads every hour, it is almost unseemly to make too much fuss about the elision of a dozen human beings.

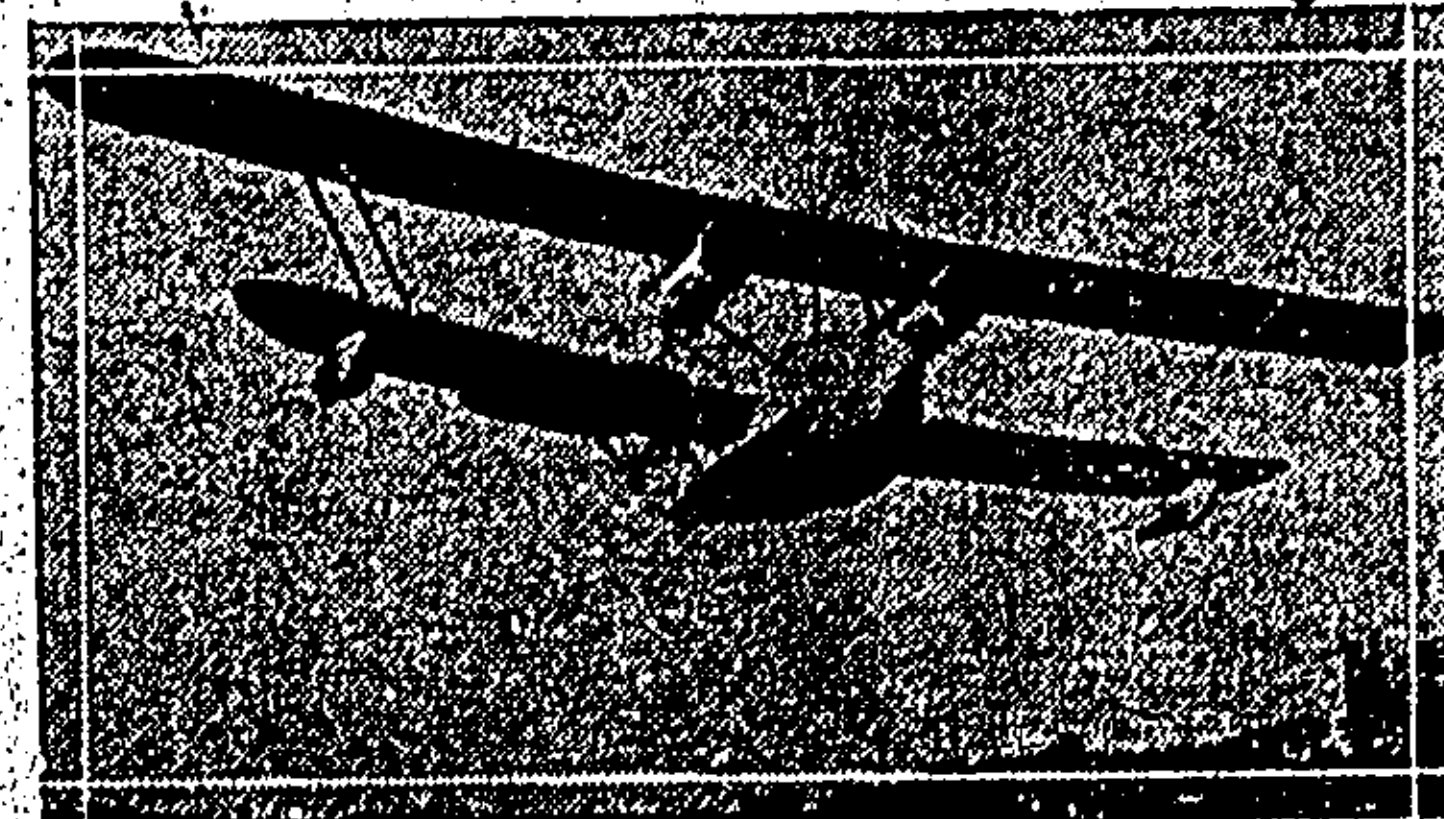
Let us ask ourselves seriously whether aviation is worth the bones of a single human being. It appears to be assumed, in a thousand utterances upon the subject, that Science has solved the problem of flight, and that all that remains is to make improvement. We constantly see the suggestion made that the lives of aviators are not given in vain, and that when their machines crash or crumple, the consequent deaths, often by burning, are not spent uselessly because aviation has a great commercial future. A great thought for any day, that. What if a nice boy or two be burned alive every week if mankind is to gain commercially? I suggest here, in the plainest language, that the economic argument has no foundation whatever, that aviation has as yet no sound scientific basis, and that nothing has been done either with aeroplanes or "airships" that gives the slightest encouragement to the argument that flying will ever be worth while commercially.

## Alleged Commercial Aviation.

It is perfectly true that in several countries some thousands of passengers and hundreds of tons of cargo are carried through the air in a year, but those interested take care not to remind the public that this alleged commercial aviation is done at public expense. The British taxpayer pays part of the fare of every passenger who flies from London to Paris. Did railways thus begin, or steamships? The answer is that railways and steamships made their own way, and were left to make their own way, on their merits, while commercial aviation would collapse like a gasbag (i.e., like an airship) if submitted for a single month to economic forces.

The truth is that commercial aviation is subsidised for military reasons, and that the aviation boom is full of promise, not for commerce, and not for progress, but for the most cowardly and hideous forms of warfare.

Let me sum up the facts with regards to the aeroplane. Heavier-than-air machines are sustained in the air by their engines. They must go on, or come down. They are inherently without stability. Consequently, they are grossly overburdened with fuel at the beginning of their journeys, and that is why we have the ridiculous suggestion that artificial islands should be made in the Atlantic to enable aeroplanes to do the thing in hops. The aeroplane was made possible by the invention of the internal combustion engine, which demands the employment of highly inflammable fuel. The aeroplane is thus always in terrible danger, for if it crashes it is more than likely that the occupants will be promptly burned alive if they survive the fall. Thus, the other day, the



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## LONG FLIGHTS.

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much-vaunted German (commercial) system, which is hopefully subsidised for future war reasons, nearly burned several people to death, and as far as I could see only one English newspaper recorded the horrible fact.

## Ridiculous Comparison.

The aeroplane, again, is at the mercy of storm and darkness and fog as never seamen were even in the earliest days of navigation. It is ridiculous to compare the aeroplane flights across the Atlantic with the sailing of the "Santa Maria." The "Santa Maria" had not to be packed up and sent home again. The "Santa Maria" was not to be sent to the bottom by the mere touch of an accompanying ship. The "Santa Maria" could shorten sail in a storm. Science can promise nothing in the way of elimination of factors which mean death and destruction to aviators. These factors are inherent, and will remain so. If man were naturally a flying animal, and desired to transport goods or passengers conveniently, quickly, and safely, it would be necessary for him to invent the plane surfaces of land and sea which are now, fortunately, at his disposal.

As for the airship, science can promise nothing to those who hope to make safe a big gas-bag, filled with hydrogen or helium and carrying by suspension an engined vessel. The more ambitious the gas-bag, the smaller its chance of riding the storm. The terrible fate of the American "Shenandoah" and the official report upon it should be read and re-read by every comfortable person who is willing to offer up the lives of other people in a hopeless cause. We may hope that it has been read and re-read by the designers of the two mysterious British airships which, at enormous cost and in great secrecy, are now a-building. Some day, doubtless, a little later they will duly kill those we employ to "navigate" them.

And it should not be forgotten that the airship cannot, any more than the aeroplane, stop her engines. It is true that her gas sustains her in the air, but she can only maintain stability by motion derived from her engines. Thus aeroplanes and airships alike lack inherently the first factor of reasonable safety, and science has not as much as approached the solution of this main problem.

## A Precise Parallel.

The case of the submarine is a precise parallel. The submarine is now an ancient commonplace to the unimaginative mind. Its working is understood by few members of the public who now and then read of the sad fate of a British, American, German, French, or Italian submarine crew. The submarine can cross the Atlantic

Declaring himself convinced that long distance flying is practicable even in the present state of aircraft development, Van Lear Black, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore "Sun," returned recently from Europe where in June he flew from Glasgow, Scotland, to Batavia, Java, and thence back to Amsterdam, Holland, in twenty seven flying days.

Mr. Black was met at the pier by Commander Richard E. Byrd, U. S. N., and a delegation from the aeronautical chamber of commerce of the United States. Accompanying Black were the two Dutch pilots, who were with him on his flight to India, O. J. Geversdorffer, chief pilot and J. B. Scholte.

The Baltimore publisher said he would not use his own flight in advancing the expansion of commercial aviation in New York, but will do what he can "to promote interest on the development of aviation, as an individual and not as a propagandist."

He went to Europe last March, and did much flying in his Fokker plane until mid-June when he decided, against expert advice, to make the India flight. A new motor was installed and he set off on June 15. He was the first American to make the Far East aerial cruise, and was awarded the order of Nassau and Orange by Queen Wilhelmina for his feat.

Stops were made at Constantinople, Aleppo and Bagdad. The Persian Gulf then was crossed and he proceeded to Allahabad, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore and Batavia in swift succession, the flight requiring eighty six flying hours, and ending on June 30.

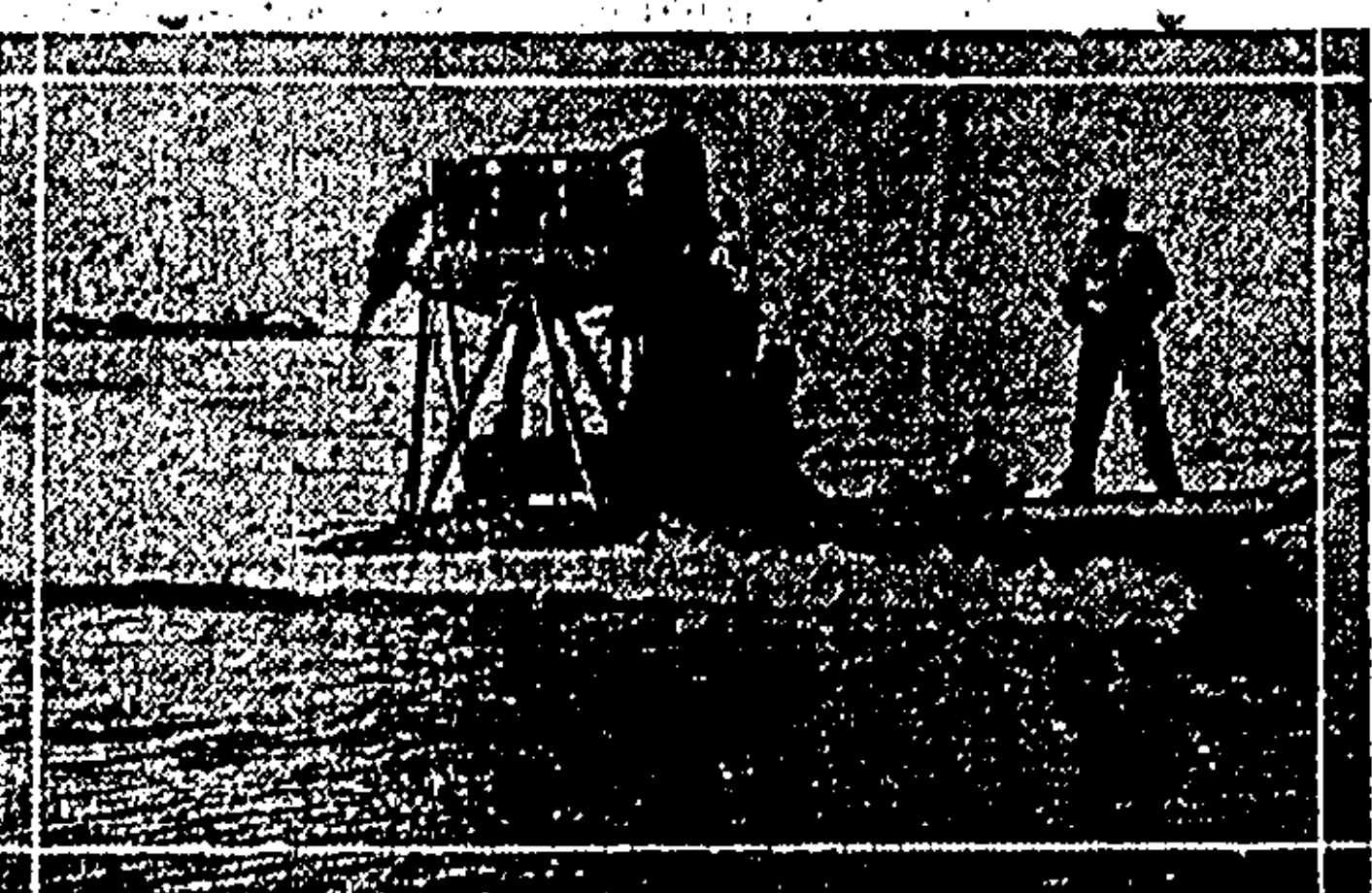
Besides encountering monsoons and sandstorms on the trip, Black's plane, in taking off from Burma, barely cleared a herd of elephants which charged out of the jungle. The undercarriage skinned some eight feet over the animals' broad backs, Black said.

Handicaps were met in Turkey, where a special permit was required before the plane could fly over the country. A day was also lost here because the Turks do not permit flying on Sunday, Black asserted, adding that aviators still are regarded as more or less supernatural creatures in the Orient. Sandstorms caused an additional delay of two days at Bagdad.

Commenting on his flight, which set a record for a Europe-to-India trip, Black said that "never at any time, even with forced landings, were we in danger."

"I wore an ordinary lounge suit when flying and carried my allotment of about 80 pounds of clothing and equipment," he continued. "The plane had two comfortable chairs, in which two of us could sleep while the third was at the stick. We did not attempt to cook in the plane, but took with us hot drinks in thermos bottles."

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The well-known Danish sportsman, Director Thorstrup, expert in aircraft, motors and yachting, has constructed this flying motorboat. The motor is a Mercedes Aero Machine of 150 H.P. and the boat is air-propelled. It has been driven up to a speed of 150 kilometres an hour.

under the water; it could carry passengers and cargo across the Atlantic if subsidised, but it is not and never will be an economic instrument. It is remarkable that, like the air vessel, it is a deadly thing in time of peace. Its only real use is in war, and in war it does horrible things. The British Empire was nearly smashed by the submarine, and the bones of thousands of torpedoed British seamen lie deep in the waters which once defended, but no longer defend, this island. Thus, also, with the aeroplane and the airship. For commerce, no. For war, yes. That is why rival Air Ministries do the length of deliberately encouraging the sacrifices of gallant boys in peace. That is the secret of the "commercial" air services.



## SHANGHAI RIOT.

INQUEST ON A WHITE RUSSIAN.

NO SHOOTING FROM CROWD.

An inquest was conducted at the Public Mortuary, Shanghai, on November 11, by Judge Koh and Mr. C. S. Meinhardt, Senior Consul's Deputy, over the body of Eugene Bachtin, aged 21, Russian, who died in the General Hospital at 10.15 p.m. on November 10, as the result of wounds received on the 7th instant during the attack on the Soviet Consulate on Whangpoo Road.

Insp. Powell stated that, at about 7.30 p.m. on the 7th instant, there was a disturbance outside the Soviet Consulate by a number of "White" Russians. Deceased, with a number of others, it is said, attempted to force their way into the building. Some shooting took place, in which the deceased was wounded in the head. He was removed to the General Hospital in an unconscious condition, and he died at 10.15 p.m. on November 10.

Temporary Constable 251 testified that he had known deceased for about three years. He was not present at the time of the shooting.

Sgt. Craik deposed that he was in the vicinity of the Soviet Consulate at about 7.30 p.m. on the 7th instant, and he saw the deceased at the main entrance to the building. There were double doors, and the right wing was open, lying behind the left wing of the door, he found deceased, who was suffering from a wound at the back of the head and was in an unconscious state. With the assistance of other officers, he removed him to the General Hospital.

Was the Door Locked.

Sgt. Craik, in answer to the Judge, said that he did not know who fired the shots, as he did not see any fired.

Mr. Meinhardt said that he did not see any reason for an adjournment. If the police wanted to make further investigations, or to bring criminal action, they could do so in court.

Insp. Powell stated that one reason why the police asked for an adjournment was that the brother of deceased may have been present at the time of the shooting. There were also others who were shot at the same time, and who were now detained in hospital. Another man was expected to die, but two were expected to recover, and they might be able to throw some light on the shooting.

In answer to Mr. Meinhardt, Insp. Powell said that they had no evidence that any firing took place by persons in the street.

Recalled, Sgt. Craik said that a small crowd tried to rush the door, but were driven back by the police. When he went to the telephone for assistance, they made another rush. He could not say if the door of the Consulate was locked. Six persons were injured at the time—four were allowed to go home after receiving medical attention.

Sub-Insp. Holt deposed that he arrived on the scene at about 7.40 p.m. He saw deceased being brought out from the Consulate. When he arrived there, firing could be heard from inside the Consulate. The doors were closed, and remained closed, to his knowledge until the arrival of the ambulance. There were quite a number of Russians on the north side of Whangpoo Road and a few on the south side, throwing stones at windows and shouting. The majority were removed by the police. The main attack had taken place before he arrived.

The Verdict.

Det. Sgt. Cummings stated that he was present outside the Soviet Consulate. He saw deceased inside the Whangpoo Road door of the Consulate. He went to the door and found deceased lying on his back. He was put into the ambulance and taken to hospital. Deceased could not speak. Witness did not see anybody fire at deceased.

The Court returned a verdict that death was "due to gunshot wounds of skull and brain, inflicted by a person or persons unknown who was or were at the time within the Soviet Consulate at Shanghai, when attack was being made on the Consulate by a mob in which the deceased was a member."

## RIOT IN JAPAN.

FARMERS INDIGNANT OVER DECISION.

Osaka, Nov. 11.  
Litigation between a landlord and tenant farmers in the prefecture of Fugu resulted in a clash to-day between the police and the farmers. The latter, hearing that the decision given in the case had been favourable to the court in thousands under the leadership of their union officers. The police tried to stop them and this resulted in a free fight. There were no serious casualties, however, and the mob was soon dispersed.

## YEN'S CAMPAIGN.

TUAN HAS NO TIME FOR INTRIGUE.

BREACH REGRETTED.

Since his return from Dairen last summer Marshal Tuan Chieh-jui has devoted himself to the study of Buddhist literature and occasionally played chess with his intimate friends, but he denies himself to all political visitors.

This statement was made by an Anfu leader on November 16 in refutation of recent Press reports that the standard bearer of the Anfu party had given support to General Yen Hsi-shan's campaign against the Ankuochun. Although he avoids politics in his conversation with intimate friends, the Marshal takes a deep interest in current political developments, because he feels he has a close connection with the Republic by reason of the fact that it was he who defeated the monarchical restoration movement of General Chang Hsun in 1917.

The Anfu informant expressed the belief that his chief is ready to support any one who succeeds in restoring peace and order to this much distracted land. For intrigue and fishing in troubled waters he has neither the time nor the inclination, this official said.

It was pointed out that Marshal Tuan is a personal friend of both the dictator and General Yen Hsi-shan. He regrets the breach between Mukden and Shansi but hopes that peace will soon be concluded. As regards the charge that Mr. Chang Shih-chao some time ago went to Taiyuanfu as the emissary of the Anfu party, the informant said that Chang has never left Tientsin since last June, as he has been in ill-health.

## AIR ROUTES.

SPEECH BY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.

London, Nov. 3.  
Speaking at a Royal United Service Institution function, Sir Sefton Brancker referred to the delayed Cairo-Karachi air route, due to Persian opposition.

He said that the Air Ministry was negotiating for another route along the west side of the Persian Gulf. This would entail a sea crossing of 200 to 250 miles, but with the modern three-engined aeroplanes, it would present no undue danger.

The Director of Civil Aviation said that the carrying of the Imperial route across India was really the business of the Raj, which had more or less undertaken, when Imperial Airways, Ltd., has proved that the air service to Karachi was a sound scheme, to carry the service to Calcutta.

Imperial Airways, Ltd., was in the preliminary negotiation with the Raj over this section now.

The next stage from Calcutta to Rangoon, also came within the orbit of the Raj's section, but the Rangoon-Singapore link was rather indeterminate. It seemed that the British Government must accept the responsibility for the latter. Already the route had been reconnoitred and British interests were negotiating for a service from Penang to the Dutch East Indies.

## A TRAGEDY.

WAGE-EARNER'S EFFORT TO SAVE MULE.

FIENDISH BRUTALITY.

Peking, Nov. 5.  
A Chinese mule cart driver is dead after a gallant fight to save his animal from capture at the hands of a band of bandits. An inquest was held over his body on Friday when a verdict of death by violence was returned.

Kao Chih-chen was 22 years old and a resident near Mentoukou. He was the sole wage-earner of a family of six, a cart and a mule forming his sole stock in trade. Early Thursday morning a band of three brigands descended upon the village and searched for draft animals. The house of one Sze was entered and the owner was forced to part with two mules. The marauders next visited the home of Kao and tried to seize his animal.

Seeing that they would be deprived of the sole means of livelihood, Kao and his family knelt down before the bandits and begged them to spare the mule. The bandits said they would return the mule after reaching the next village and that if Kao was not sure of this he should accompany him there.

Accordingly the brigands departed with the mule and Kao trudging at their heels. When the environs of the village were reached, one of the gang suddenly set upon Kao, bound him hand and foot, and threw him on the ground. Another produced a revolver and fired one shot after another at his legs. The victim writhed with pain and rolled in the sand to the immense amusement of the robbers. The gang escaped with the mule after they had satisfied themselves that life was extinct in Kao.

The body was discovered immediately afterwards, and although a hue and cry was raised the murderers had long disappeared. When news of the tragedy reached the family, they were overwhelmed with sorrow, and the aged grandfather threatened to commit suicide.—Kuo Wen.

## CIVIC TROUBLE.

MAYOR OF KYOTO PRESSED TO RESIGN.

Consternation has been aroused amongst the members of the Kyoto Municipal Office by the dismissal of several important officials by Dr. Ichimura, the new Mayor, in order to carry out the reforms of the municipal administration. In connection with this an informal sitting of the Municipal Assembly was held recently, when a motion was submitted by some members that the Mayor should be urged to resign quickly in view of the grave situation. Subsequently a division was taken with the result that the motion was carried by 38 to 18. In consequence, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Assembly visited the Mayor and notified him of the Assembly's decision. To this the Mayor replied that he would seriously consider the matter and give his answer in a few days.

Meanwhile the officials in charge of the electric and civil engineering bureaux of the municipality have tendered their resignations. Dr. Ichimura, who was a professor in the Imperial Kyoto University, was only recently elected Mayor of Kyoto.

## EXPLOITING P. I.

AGITATORS FOR INDEPENDENCE ARE ACCUSED.

WOOD'S 1923 LETTER.

Northfield (Vermont), Oct. 13.  
A letter written in 1923 by the late Major-General Wood, Governor of the Philippine Islands, which has just been presented to North University, reveals that while he thought the Filipino people "loyal, friendly, hospitable and kind to a degree," he believed that the agitators for independence were attempting to exploit the Islands and were misrepresenting the situation in every possible way.

The letter continues: "The autonomy of the Filipino people has been in no way curtailed by me, indeed, it has been materially amplified; but I have insisted on a government of law rather than a government of a few leaders without regard to law. I have also insisted on a rigid observance of the principles of well-balanced government and respect for the prerogatives of not only the executive but the legislative and judicial branches."

## UNWANTED ALIEN.

AUSTRIAN NOT TO ENTER DUTCH INDIES.

Batavia, Nov. 7.  
The immigration officials decided to-day not to allow the Austrian V. A. Petkovic to enter the Dutch Indies owing to his peculiar financial possessions and other luggage, such as chemicals and large doses of poisons.

The Immigration Office is under the impression that for the sake of order and safety it was preferable to refuse entry into the Dutch Indies.

Petkovic has appealed to the Governor of West Java.

Earlier Report.

A previous message stated that Petkovic was formerly a well-known dentist in Semarang and Batavia. He left the Dutch Indies a wealthy man to make a world tour. He said he tried to enter a monastery at Athos, Salonica, but was prevented from entering Greece.

Petkovic's luggage consisted of 100 cases, 70 of which were carried on the "Bintang," the remaining 30 coming on another steamer. Among the cases was one which contained, among other things, more than 100 pairs of socks, a few hundred neckties and blankets in which were concealed large amounts of gold coin to the value of half a lakh, also valuable papers, revolvers, rifles and medicine and chemicals. There was enough potassium cyanate to poison the whole of Batavia.

Petkovic declared that the gold was for investment and denied that he intended it for other purposes. He contemplated practising dentistry in Sourabaya, but he was not allowed to enter the Dutch East Indies.

## POST-MORTEM SURPRISE.

MAN WHO SWALLOWED A RAZOR-BLADE.

London, Oct. 24.  
A "post mortem" examination after the suicide of James Graham, a Liverpool labourer, revealed a glass, a screw, a nail, a match, a pencil, a boot lace, cement and a safety razor-blade in the stomach. The blade had caused the death.

## MALIGN INFLUENCE.

MOSCOW STRIVING TO RENEW UNREST.

INDIA ON THE ALERT.

London, Oct. 24.  
The Maharaja of Burdwan, in an interview, expressed the opinion that Moscow was striving to renew unrest on the frontier.

The Soviet agents were active in Persia and it was not a far-fetched inference that the refusal of Teheran to permit the establishment of an air route to India via Persia was due to this malign influence.

"The Bolsheviks and Asia a happy hunting ground, as the China troubles have shown," added the Maharaja.

London, Oct. 24.  
In an editorial based on an interview with the Maharaja of Burdwan with regard to his recent speech, the "Daily Mail" draws attention to the Maharaja's statement that the Soviet Government are making extraordinary efforts to stir up the North-West frontier tribes against the British and are pushing their propaganda in Afghanistan.

The paper also emphasizes that the Maharaja of Burdwan strongly deprecates any reduction of the British armed forces in India. Earlier messages stated:—Replying to the toast of "The Dominions Overseas," which was proposed by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman at the Nelson Day dinner of the Navy League, in London, the Maharaja of Burdwan said that as long as the "Red" menace stretched its hand right across the Mongolian Empire, so long would India have its land problems that no Navy could solve. The "Red" menace meant to destroy modern civilisation.

India was the pivot on which the "Red" menace from East to West would turn and it was there that British statesmen must concentrate their attention to meet this great enemy of civilisation. India would long require the protection of her maritime trade. If India were to continue to be the brightest jewel in the diadem of the King-Emperor, it was the duty of them all, Britons or Indians, to realise that India could, and doubtless in time would, play an important part in the development of the British Navy.

## STORAGE OF RUGS.

CLAIM AGAINST A SHANGHAI FIRM.

In the U.S. Commissioner's Court Shanghai, before Mr. N. E. Lorton, last Friday, Mr. H. D. Rodger brought suit against S. Olinier, trading as the Esso Co., 17, Nanjing Road, the amount involved being \$300. Plaintiff alleged that in July, 1926, he left five rugs with defendant to be cleaned and stored, and defendant carelessly and negligently damaged one of them. The value of the rug was \$300 and it now was practically worthless. Defendant said that it was clearly understood between the parties that steam and chemicals were to be used in the process and that defendant would not be held responsible for damage done. Defendant had retouched the rug and presented a bill for \$64.98, which plaintiff refused to pay.

After Mrs. H. D. Rodger had given evidence in support of the claim, defendant denied responsibility, and went into a lengthy explanation of the rug-cleaning process. Mr. R. T. Bryan represented the defence, while Mr. Rodger conducted his own case. The Commissioner withheld judgment.

## EDUCATION NEED.

SENATOR WHEELER OUTLINES VIEW.

IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA.

(By Burton K. Wheeler).

If you are one of those sentimental souls who believe the Chinese are like so many Americans, with the same ideals, and that except for the interference of foreign governments they would have a government patterned after our own, go there! Or if you are one of those who believe there is a bolshevik behind every sage bush, and that the third international at Moscow is responsible for all unrest in the world, you should visit China.

During my visit to that country I came to the conclusion that there at one time had dwelt a great people who had built a great nation.

But I found between 400,000,000 and 500,000,000 people poverty-stricken, diseased, miserable, most of them living on less than 10 cents a day.

In any judgment, what the Chinese need more than anything is education, not as doctors, lawyers or philosophers, but as skilled mechanics, craftsmen, scientific farmers.

Every time you educate an oriental you raise his standard of living and increase his wants. As fast as they become educated they want American goods. We are producing more manufactured articles than we can consume. This nation is bound to develop greater industrial capacity providing we can find a market for our products. The Orient will furnish it.

Dr. Wu, nationalist foreign minister, is extremely friendly to our people, and wants our aid. He is one of the most sensible and conscientious Chinese I met. He is not anti-foreign. He is not a red.

Every southern general may sell out, the southern army may be forced back, but the struggle between the north and the south, between the old, autocratic conservative "regime" and the new democratic movement, will go on, and I hazard the guess that the liberal forces will win.

The issue is militarism, graft and special privilege against national sovereignty and democracy. On one side are the war lords; on the other side are students, teachers, the merchants—often intimidated into silence—and the Christian population in an overwhelming majority. Those deluded souls asking us to join Great Britain and Japan in armed intervention entirely overlook the fact that even though we conceded these nations would exercise benevolent dictatorship over China, this probably would lead to a conflict between or among the nations themselves.

Our interests in China and our ideals are so far different from those of the countries named that such a combination must prove disastrous to us, if not to all concerned.

If we fail to help in every way a sane and liberal Chinese movement, and sit idly by, we shall see China pass absolutely under the domination of Russia. You can't stamp out the seed of bolshevism by shouting "red," nor can you stamp it out with armies. You can eradicate it only by making conditions so much better that the vast majority of the articulate people won't want it.

## JUNGLE VISITORS.

MAN-EATER AND WILD ELEPHANTS CAUSE DAMAGE.

The Mentakab man-eater has not been heard of for the last two weeks, says an F.M.S. paper. Apparently the beast resents the persistent efforts of certain people who desire a closer acquaintance with it. Nevertheless, the residents of the town still take every precaution to safeguard their cattle and crackers are let off nightly to frighten the beast.

The tiger having temporarily ceased annoying the residents a herd of wild elephants is now obtruding itself on the villagers. Recently the herd visited a paddy field and while engaged in destroying the crop was fired at by the owner, a Malay who wounded a bull elephant. The Police, however, viewed the matter differently and charged the Malay in the Police Court with shooting the elephant. The learned Magistrate fortunately took a different view and discharged the paddy planter, it being maintained that the defendant acted rightly with a view to protecting his crops.

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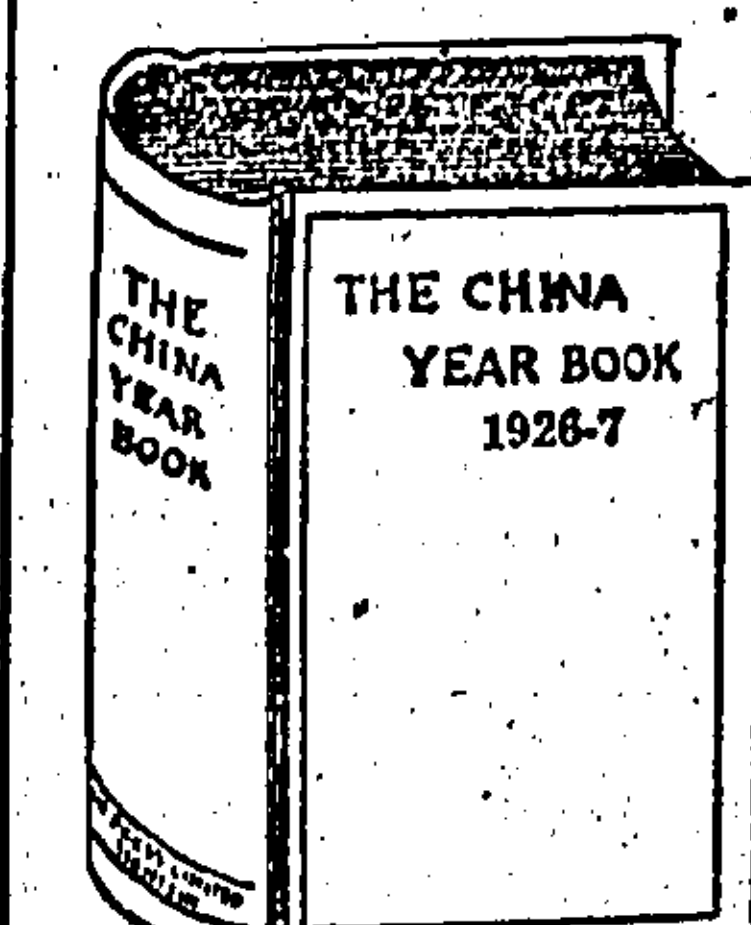
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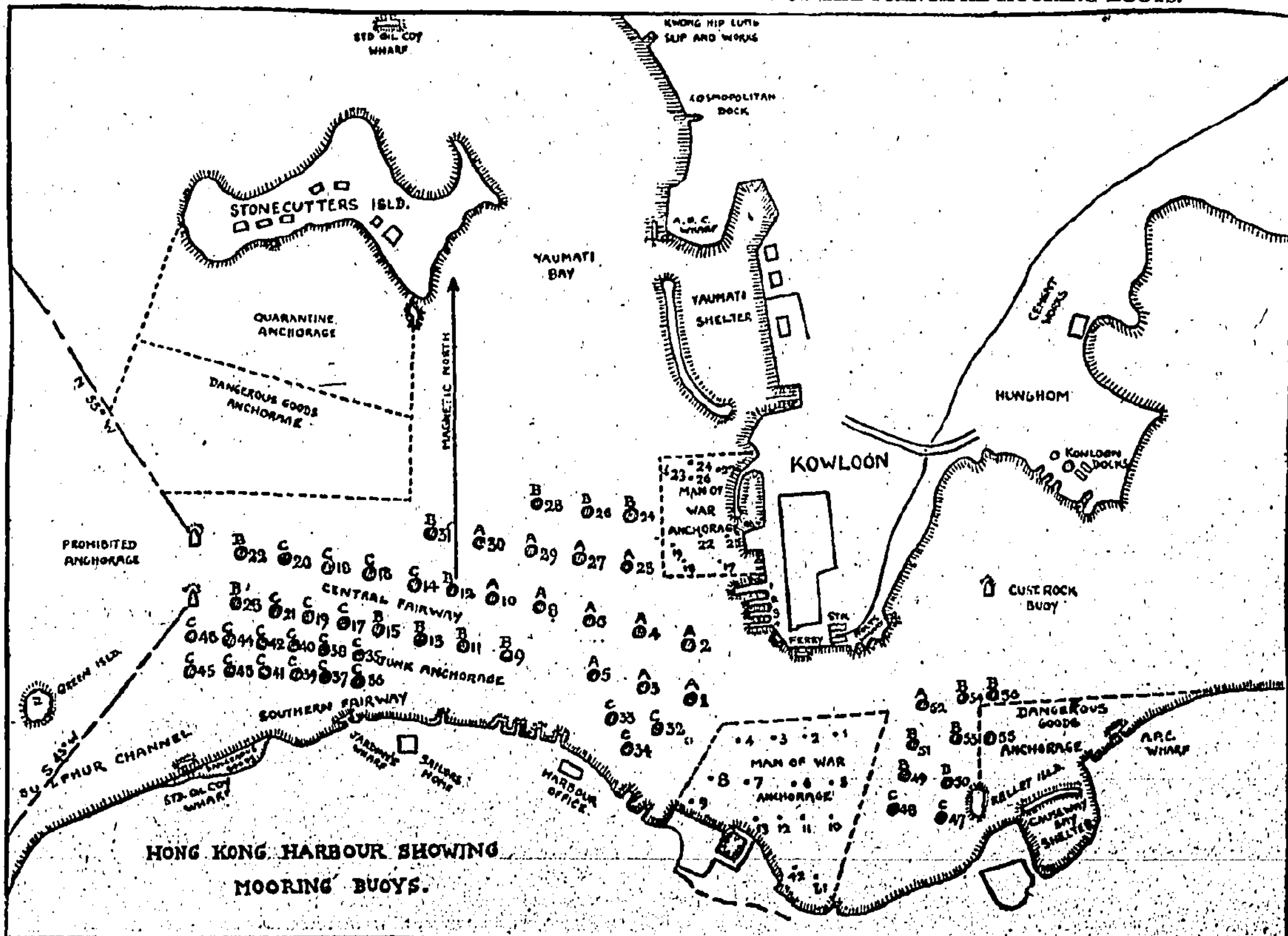


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Contrary to expectations General Li Chai-sum, the Commander-in-Chief in Canton, has come down to Hong Kong by rail with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and both of them have gone to Shanghai to attend a meeting of the Nationalist Convention and to meet General Chiang Kai-shek.

This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" contains a full report of the Armistice Day celebrations in the Colony. This is sure to be read with great interest by all relatives and friends at home.

Cricket and football matches are given full attention, particularly the former in view of the near approach of the interport games against Shanghai and Malaya.

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### ABUSE OF DUTY.

THE DISMISSAL OF JUDGE  
LOO IN SHANGHAI.

NANKING ISSUES ORDERS.

In connection with the dismissal of Loo Shing-yuen, ex-Chief Judge of the Shanghai Provisional Court, we ascertained, writes the "Sin-wanpao" on November 11, that the following orders have been issued by the Nationalist Government:

1.—The Kiangsu Provincial Government has been ordered to appoint an experienced Judge to act temporarily as Chief Judge of the Shanghai Provisional Court.

2.—In accordance with the reports of the Kiangsu Provincial Government, forwarded by Wu Chao-chu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Wang Chun-huei, Minister of Justice, on charges of abuse of duty, etc., the service of Loo Shing-yuen is to be terminated, and will be dealt with by the supervisory committee.

### HAIHO SCHEME.

MEASURES TO IMPROVE RIVER  
AT TIENSIN.

Peking, Nov. 11.

The Ministry of Interior, in Peking to-day has announced the programme for the drainage of the Haiho, Tientsin.

It has been arranged that in the upper stream of Yuntung River in the vicinity of Huaili and Lukowchiao embankments will be erected to prevent flood, while in the lower stream, tributaries will be opened for letting the water to the sea, thus preventing sedimentary accumulations at the mouth of the river. The total cost for the above is estimated to be \$32,600,000.

At the same time, drainage will be started at Peiching to lead the water into the sea via Peitang. Embankments of different sizes will also be constructed in the above vicinity. The cost for the latter work amounts to a sum of \$2,000,000.—Kuo Wen.

### NASSAK DIAMOND.

TARIFF QUESTION IN U.S.  
CUSTOMS.

Washington, Nov. 2.

The Customs officials are puzzled in regard to the famous Nassak diamond, sold by the Duke of Westminster to a Parisian jeweller who sent it to this country to be sold.

The diamond, which is valued at \$200,000 and which is supposed to have formed one eye in an ancient image of the god Shiva in India was first ruled to be entitled to enter the country as an artistic antique duty free. But the diamond dealer here protested it should be taxed 20 per cent. under the tariff law, because it had been cut and used as a jewel in England.—Rengo.

### HARD LUCK.

TWENTY MILLIONS LOST FOR  
A SUIT OF HARNES.

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 10.

James Clandennin, 50, who years ago was refused the site upon which Winnipeg is built because he would not throw in the harness with a team of horse with which he was bargaining for the site, has died here.

The land deal fell through when the owner of 20 acres around what is now the corner of Main and Portage Avenues, Winnipeg, demanded the harness in addition to team. The site recently was assessed at \$20,000,000.

### LABOUR PROBLEM.

DEMAND FOR WORK IN  
JAPAN.

Tokyo, Nov. 10.

With a view to forcing the Municipality to raise the minimum wage and to provide employment during the winter months, about a hundred labourers forced their way into the presence of the Mayor of Tokyo to-day and resorted to violence to make him accept their petition. Police subsequently arrested fifteen of the intruders.

### 140 BILLS PASSED.

RECORD DAY FOR PHILIPPINE  
LEGISLATURE.

Manila, Nov. 11.

The seventh Philippine Legislature adjourned at two o'clock this morning after a 26-hour sine session passing 140 Bills and defeating a measure submitted by Acting Governor-General Gilmore for the improvement of inter-island shipping.

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### PETTY TYRANNY.

OFFENDED CONSTABLE'S  
RETALIATION.

INCIDENT IN PEKING.

Peking, Nov. 5.

A case of petty police tyranny occurred on Thursday outside Teh-shenmen and resulted in the suspension of the offender on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Chao is a widow and in the tailoring business. She has a son, aged 15, and in addition employs a number of apprentices in her establishment. Friday was fixed for the wedding of the son, and as is the Chinese custom, there was a small party on the eve of the wedding day.

When Mrs. Chao and several of her relatives were chatting in the bridal chamber and discussing plans for the morning, a policeman, named Ma, broke into the house under the pretext of searching for gamblers. He hit right and left, and after injuring the groom-to-be and one of the young apprentices, searched the room of Mrs. Chao and got hold of a mahjong set. He then took two employees into custody and left.

Mrs. Chao was stunned by this sudden raid and in a moment of despair attempted to commit suicide by hanging herself with a rope. She was saved in the nick of time. The arrested apprentices returned after midnight for money to pay the fines which the policeman imposed upon them. The case would have been ended there and then had it not been for an indiscretion on the part of the policeman. Before leaving he said that now he had got even with the family. It at once occurred to Mrs. Chao that several days ago she had offended Ma.

The widow yesterday afternoon personally called on the police officer of the Teh-shenmen district and uncovered the case to him. The officer became very angry and at once ordered an investigation. In the meanwhile the delinquent policeman is suspended.—Kuo Wen.

### OFFICER LOST.

LIEUT. T. S. KNOWLES LONG  
OVERDUE.

Peking, Nov. 11.

Considerable anxiety is felt here for the safety of Lieut. T. S. Knowles, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, attached to the Legation Guard, who is overdue from a hunting trip.

Lieut. Knowles got a fortnight's leave three weeks ago for a hunting trip in the Mentoukow district, to the west of Peking, leaving with only a native guide. Since then fighting has broken out in that area between Fengtien troops and Shanai raiding parties. The authorities fear for his safety, although it is considered possible that when he found himself in the area of hostilities Lieut. Knowles took refuge in one of the monasteries in that region.

Messengers have been sent to the the Mentoukow district and Aukou-chun troops are securing the Western Hills in an endeavour to trace him.

### "HOT TIME."

GREAT SALVATION ARMY  
CAMPAIGN.

London, Nov. 3.

"Sinners of all descriptions are in for a hot time during the next few weeks," is the official comment of the Salvation Army on the campaign during the present month for the conversion of Great Britain by "red-hot gospellers."

This salvation siege was opened at 11 o'clock last night, when 2,000 men and women of all ranks congregated in the City Hall in Glasgow.

Scenes of remarkable fervour and religious devotion were directed by the septuagenarian leader of the Salvation Army, General W. Bramwell Booth, till 4.30 o'clock in the morning.

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### CURE FOR ASTHMA.

CHINESE REMEDY TRIED IN  
LONDON.

There is new hope for those suffering from asthma in the form of a drug, synthetically reproduced, and contained in a curative plant, Ma Huang, which has been known to the Chinese for thousands of years. It is one of the features of the Medical Exhibition being held at Westminster.

European doctors all these years have endeavoured to obtain supplies, but suspicious Chinese who regard the plant as a certain cure allowed little to come to the West. Recently, English chemists discovered a plant containing a new drug which they named Ehedrine. Though the quantity procurable is insufficient for testing its efficacy, they are now manufacturing large quantities synthetically.

### PROTECTION OF LABOUR.

Geneva, Nov. 7.

The International Labour Bureau at Geneva, pointing out that 25,000 workmen died in the United States in one year as the result of labour accidents, recommends stern legislation everywhere to ward off such accidents.

### CHINESE GRAFT.

NEW WAY ON EXTORTING  
MONEY.

MOTORISTS WARNED.

A new case of "graft" has recently been brought to the attention of foreigners who require Chinese licences for motor vehicles in Shanghai. Renewal of these licences at the present time in Chinese registration bureaux brings to light the fact that two small notices had appeared in Chinese papers one being, it is understood, the "Shun Pao," calling the attention of whoever might have been fortunate enough to have seen them to the regulation that all renewals were to have been made between October 16 and 31. Failure to comply with this, the announcement of which reached so small a fraction of the general public, both Chinese and foreign, as to make it negligible, resulted in fines.

A fine of \$6 was imposed on private vehicles \$2.40 on public cars, 50 cents on rickshaws and 40 cents on bicycles. As no single instance of an application for renewal is on record during the period set forth, the revenue which the Nationalist authorities expect to draw from the new tax or "fine" is understood to be large.

Other so-called innovations in the motor car department is a new regulation that all cars must pass an inspection before they can get a licence. According to a Chinese informant who had occasion to question the new regulation, it is being carried out in theory along the same lines as that employed by the Shanghai Municipal Council. Actually, however, two forms of inspection are gone through, one being a vigorous blowing of the horn of the car and the other a switching on and off of lights to the satisfaction of the officials who then issue a licence, provided all fines, etc., are paid. A big licence plate is also being issued instead of the small disc used hitherto, the latter being placed over the large plate.

Crowds of Chinese wishing to register appeared at the offices in Chinese territory yesterday but an insufficiency of the new forms to be filled in kept the line waiting for several hours, during which time many of the "fine-payers" left, including the Chinese who was attempting to renew his foreign master's licence.

### EASTERN PORTS:

HEALTH BULLETIN FOR  
LAST WEEK.

The following is the health bulletin for the week ended November 12:—

Plague: 2 cases at Macassar (2 deaths).

Cholera: 2 deaths at Bombay, 17 deaths at Calcutta, 3 deaths at Madras, 10 deaths at Tuticorin, 4 cases at Singapore (4 deaths), 2 cases at Batavia (2 deaths), 6 cases at Canton (5 deaths).

Small-pox: 1 case at Bombay, 2 cases at Madras (1 death), 1 case at Rangoon, 10 cases at Tuticorin (1 death), 1 case at Colombo, 1 case at Singapore, 17 cases at Batavia, 1 case at Samarinda, 2 cases at Kuching (1 death).

Ivan Petrovich, the young Serbian actor who appears opposite Alice Terry in "The Magician" was prominently identified with opera before starting his cinema career. Petrovich, besides having a remarkably good voice, is also a talented violinist and pianist.

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Japan & Shanghai	Sphinx.	23
Shanghai	Mongolia.	25

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For	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19	Per
Haiphong	Tonkin.	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Patroclus.	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Rames.	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kiungchow.	5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Polk.	5 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper.	5 p.m.
Swatow	Chakshang.	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Trier.	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Kishu Maru.	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea.	2.30 p.m.
Straits	Titan.	2.30 p.m.
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Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Minado Maru.	8.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Sphinx.	Noon
Manila	Hai Ching.	Noon
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Pres. Cleveland.	4.30 p.m.
Manila	Talkwa Maru.	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Mishima Maru.	1.30 p.m.
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Amoy	Emp. of Canada.	8.30 p.m.
	Lai Sang.	5 p.m.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## BIG SURPRISES.

Chinese Military Methods.

A NEW ATMOSPHERE.

Complete Transformation In The North.

Mr. Putnam Weale, writing from Peking on November 4 to the "Shanghai Times," says:—

This is the strangest of all the recent wars in China and the most secret. Even the best informed men have not yet discovered its final outlines. Topography is playing a part it has never played before; and so is the fact that no quarter is being asked or given. The fighting has been bitter in the extreme even in small obscure actions; and so far from the conventions of the old-fashioned Chinese conflict being preserved, with armies amiably retreating before stronger forces, desperate bayonet attacks have been common as well as a plentiful use of grenades.

Take the topography. The mountains and hills of Shansi impinge upon the great North China plain in such fashion that hundreds of narrow well-protected gorges reach almost to Peking's gates and menace the railway to Hankow during a run of three hundred miles and more. It is for all the world as if a great bony hand was stretched from the Western mountains down to the plain on which stands Peking, the fingers being the valleys. These form ideal corridors for guerrilla bands to use—and so seemingly from every quarter the guerrillas have come. Although the main avenues have been cleared, almost daily subsidiary lines of approach are discovered down which many armed men continually pass. Thus while the bulk of the Manchurian army has been employed in shattering the main Shansi forces and clearing the railways North and South of Peking, so that communications may be restored, all the reserves are hardly sufficient to round-up countless groups of irregulars, many in plain clothes, who roam the country and create unrest. Half a million men would be none too many to deal with this scattered warfare which dies down only to break out afresh; there are not half that number available. So the conflict is now well into its second month and no one is sure how many more days must pass before it dies away.

No Advance Plans.

Then as to the secrecy. Hitherto it has been the golden rule for the native newspapers to publish well in advance even the most secret moves. They have naively preface such reports with the words, "most confidential information," so as to show how well-informed they are and how close a contact they have with the chief actors. This time, however, the newspapers have been beaten to a standstill not by the censor but by the organisers of this ingenious assault that was to see Chang Tso-lin up in a bag and then ship him home to Manchuria. It is not the censorship that is so troublesome; it is the unexpectedness of everything. This proves conclusively that the preparations for the surprise are of very long standing, and that Shansi has allies in unexpected quarters. Each day reveals some fresh fact. All the men who have fallen into obscurity in years gone by seem to be coming out of the shadows and taking a hand in the hope that they will obtain power. Every possible way of spreading panic and alarm has been thought of; and only by the utmost vigilance has Peking been saved from a coup de main carried out by bomb and revolver corps.

The story of Chochow—that market town on the Hankow railway that is only 40 miles from Capital which was so secretly seized by a Shansi brigade and is still in their hands—becomes more amazing every day. A stratagem resembling the tale of Ali Baba and the 40 thieves was practised to capture the place. Soldiers dressed as peddlers came into the town in numbers, and opened booths near all the gates. At a given word, they threw off their long coats, drew their revolvers, and held the town long enough for uniformed battalions to march in from the hills. Had things gone well for Shansi on

## NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Government's Decision Criticised.

CAUSES GRAVE CONCERN.

Strong Fears Of The Navy League Expressed.

London, Yesterday. Sir Cyril S. Cobb, Chairman, and Commander H.M. Denny, Secretary, of the Navy League, write to "The Times" stating that the Government's decision not to proceed with laying down the two cruisers voted by Parliament will cause grave concern to all patriotic citizens especially in the Dominions.

They express the opinion that the decision will result in a hurried emergency building programme in the future when the country suddenly realises its danger.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday. Great Britain's decision to lay down only one cruiser will not produce any modification of the United States programme of cruiser building, but it will strengthen President Coolidge in the inevitable struggle between the "Big Navy" group in Congress and the Administration.—Reuter's American Service.

## EARLIER VIEWS.

On March 7 last Sir Cyril S. Cobb and Commander H.M. Denny, as Chairman and Secretary of the Navy League, wrote to the Home newspapers:—

In your paper, and in the Press generally, there have been numerous comments on the proposals of President Coolidge and on the general question of the limitation of naval forces, but there is one important aspect of this matter which has not received the notice it deserves. In view of special circumstances applicable in a far greater degree to the British Empire than either to the United States or Japan it is essential that our representatives at the proposed conferences on the limitation of armaments shall possess not only the requisite knowledge, but also definite authority to explain clearly that the suggestion of a ratio of 5-5-3 cannot be made applicable to British cruisers and smaller vessels. This view has already been recognised in America as fundamental to any proper consideration of the whole question. Mr. French, chairman of the House Naval Committee, speaking in the United States Congress on January 4, 1927, plainly stated that "Great Britain more than the United States is in the need of types of ships such as cruisers that are swift and of widest radius of action." It would, therefore, be disastrous if this contention was not resolutely maintained by the British representatives as opposed to the purely League of Nations point of view. The question of the adequate presentation of the vital necessities of the British Empire will, of course, be of equal importance as regards the larger conference on the limitation of armaments—Naval, military, and air—where some fifty of the smaller nations will state their opinions on the subject of Naval armaments. With all such matters these nations are remotely concerned, but they are placed on almost equal voting terms with our Empire, to which Naval protection is a condition of national existence. We further venture to express the hope that his Majesty's Government will consult the Dominions before being committed to any policy which might gravely affect their security as well as our own.

the main battlefields, Chochow was to have been the base from which to administer the coup de grace to Peking. Conveniently situated only three miles from the hills, the mountain roads leading straight to Shansi had been fortified well in advance of the outbreak of hostilities so that right through the main communications of the Manchurian army a dagger-thrust could be directed. The one thing which defeated this strategy was the railways. The Manchurian army, because it holds all the railways and operates them with European staffs, was able to make a nine-day concentration of 100,000 men which paralysed their enemies. That automatically gave them victory on the main battlefields.

## JAPAN'S POLITICS.

Peers Resign From Party.

REFORM MOVEMENT.

Future Of The Kenkyukai Party.

Tokyo, Nov. 13. The movement for reform of the Kenkyukai (the most influential Party in the House of Peers) which was started by some of the members of the Party some little time ago, is gradually growing sharp, and there is a great deal of unrest among the party.

Indignant at the action of the reformers, Prince Fumimaro Konoe, Prince Saneyoshi Ichijo, Marquis Tsuneatsu Nakamikado, Marquis Sukechika Nakayama, and Marquis Ryukel Shijo last evening suddenly notified the Party in writing of their withdrawal from the membership.

In this connection, Prince Fumimaro, who is an adviser to the Party, told Press representatives: "We have seceded from the Kenkyukai, because it is quite impossible for us to discharge our duties as members of the House of Peers in the present state of affairs of the Party. We will endeavour to muster up persons with the same end in view in order to organise a new group."

Hearing of the secession of the five members, leaders of the Kenkyukai are confused and are making every effort to detain the seceders. There is a sign that other members of the Kenkyukai will bolt from the Party. Premier Baron Tanaka, seeing the seriousness of the situation, is also making efforts to persuade the seceded peers to return to the Party.

In view of the approach of the political season, the development of the affair is being closely watched by the public.

The members of the House of Representatives, those of the House of Peers, and ex-Diet members, who are affiliated with the Minseitō (the Opposition Party), held a meeting yesterday. In the course of the meeting, those present bitterly censured the Government for its "misadministration" regarding the relief of financial circles and the foreign policy. After an exchange of views, it was agreed among themselves that a movement should be started to overthrow the Government.—Toho.

Resignations Planned.

Tokyo, Nov. 13. The sudden withdrawal from Kenkyukai membership of Prince Konoye and five other influential members is generally observed not only to greatly affect the future activity of the Kenkyukai Party but will also give a comparatively great effect to the Upper House as well as to political circles.

It is said to be some time in July, this year, that they first planned their resignations. The cause for the resignations is said to be that they oppose the Kenkyukai members in the Upper House who persuade the House to reject even those ordinary bills which have not much concern to members of the House, without giving any assistance to the intention of the government and the Lower House. Prince Konoye and others are of opinion that, whenever a bill has passed the Lower House in co-operation with the Government, it must be for the Upper House members to give ample support of the purpose of the bill, while, as for the Upper House members, they have never given any support to the Government, and the motive at the back of such act is always rumoured to be due to some impure intention which Prince Konoye and others deem to be disgraceful and the honour of the House.—Toho.

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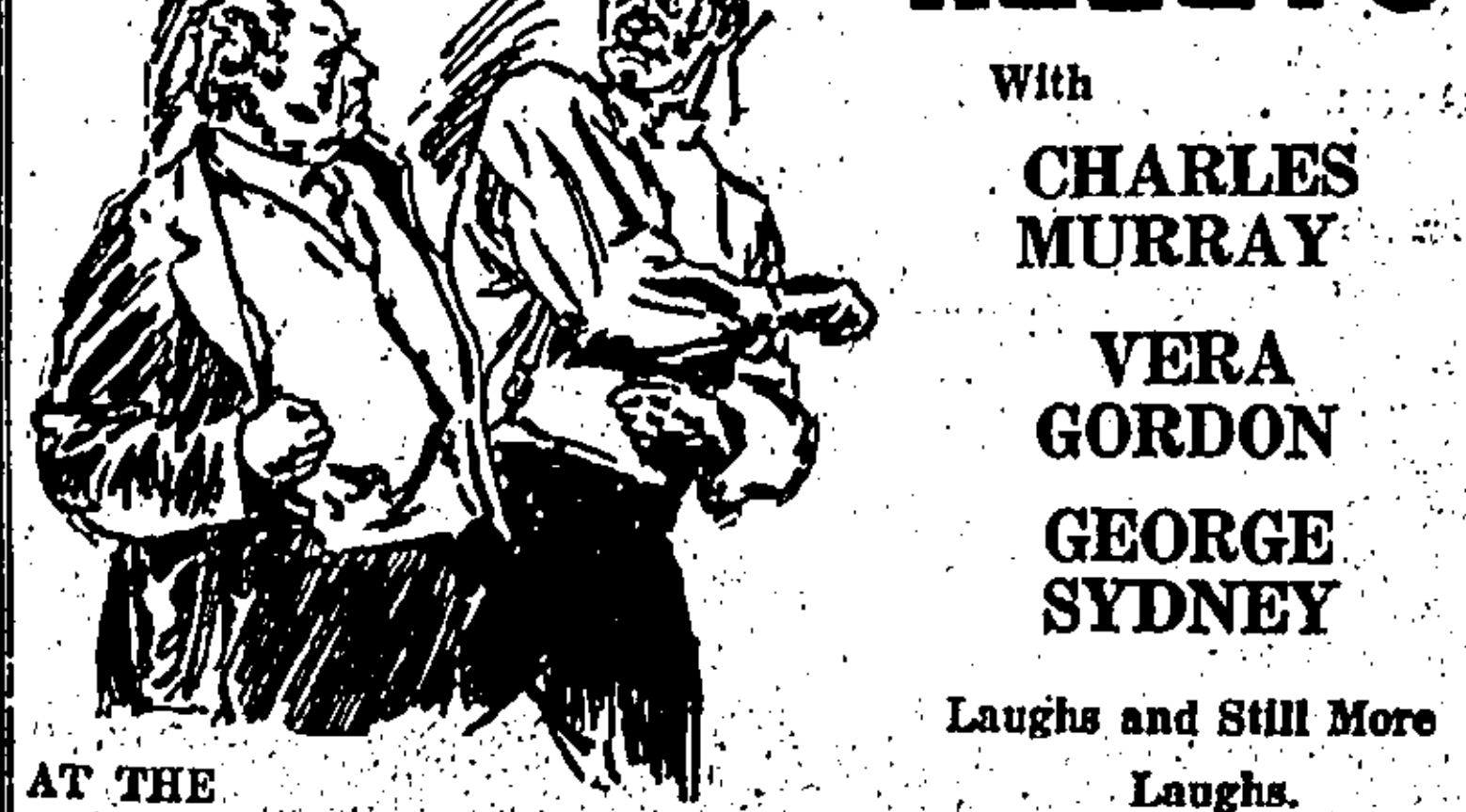
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